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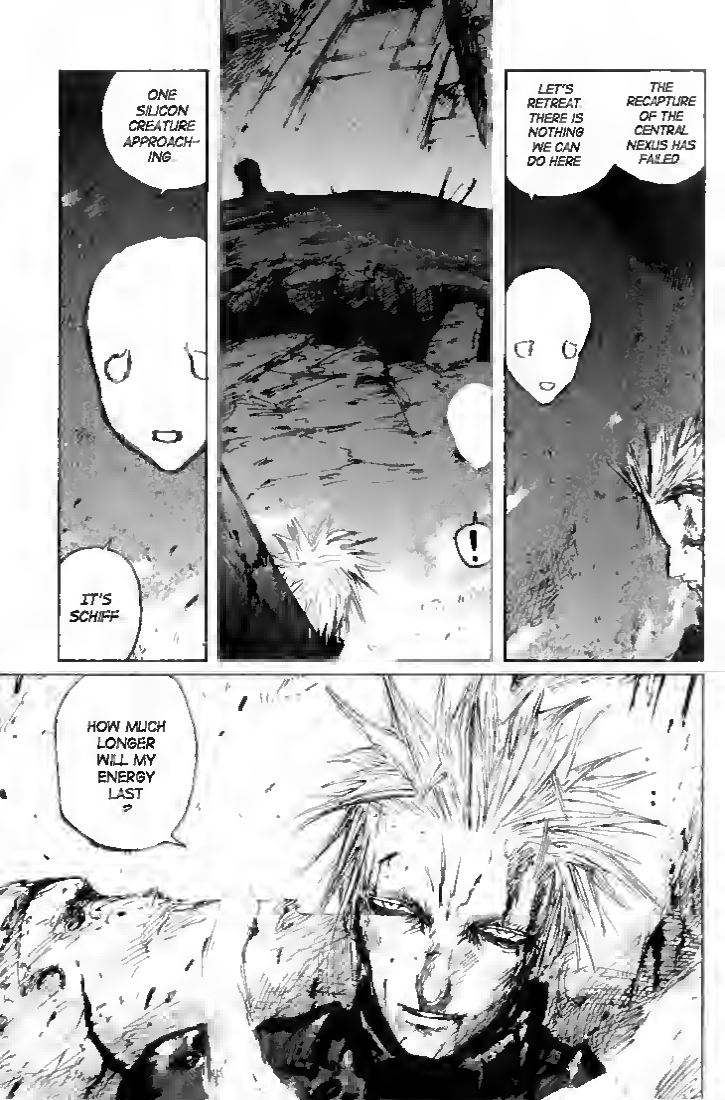
LOG 38 : 集積点

HEY, WHAT'S WRONG...? THE WOUNDS AREN'T HEALING
THE SYSTEM WAS PROBABLY FROZEN OR DESTROYED BY DAVINEL.
NONE OF THE CHARGING TOWERS ARE RESPONDING
IT'S USELESS, DHOMOCHEVSKY. THAT FUNCTION IS NOT AVAILABLE


ONE SILICON CREATURE APPROACH-ING
IT'S SCHIFF
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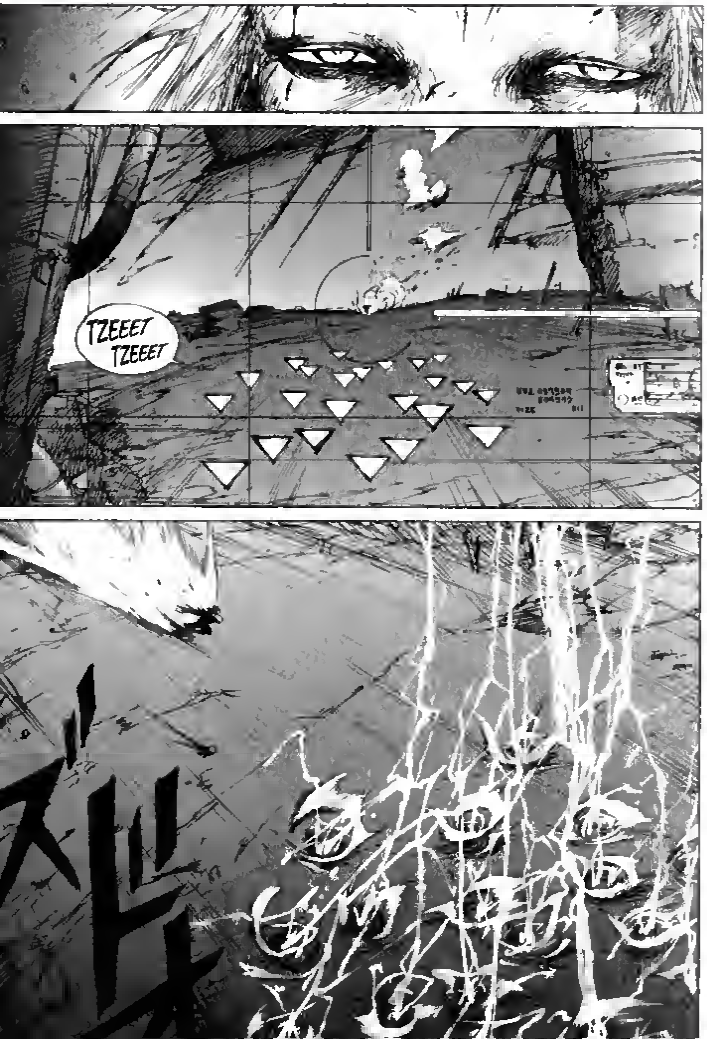
THE RECAPTURE OF THE CENTRAL NEXUS HAS FAILED
LET'S RETREAT. THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO HERE
HOW MUCH LONGER WILL MY ENERGY LAST ?

IF YOU RECEIVE ANOTHER FATAL BLOW, I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HELP YOU AGAIN!
STOP THINKING SUCH NON-SENSE!
TOO LATE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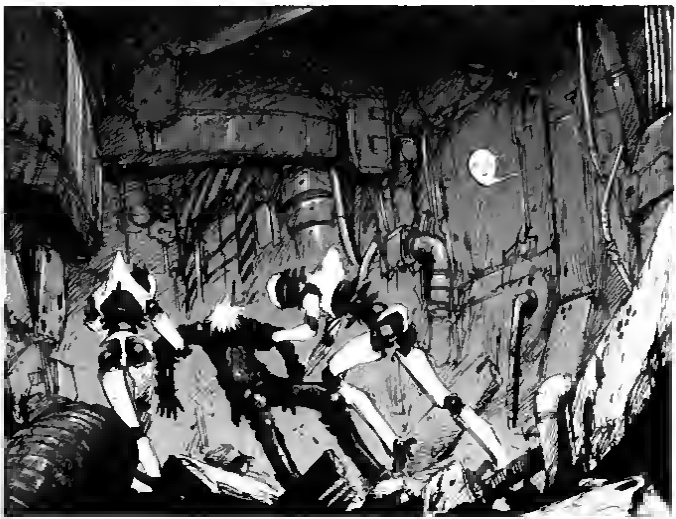

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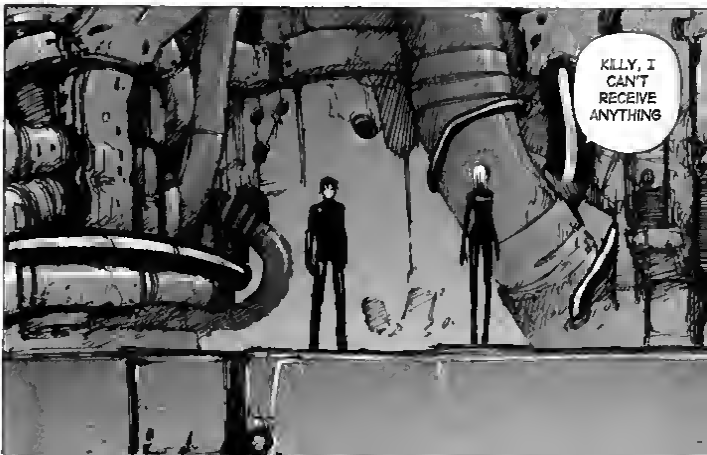
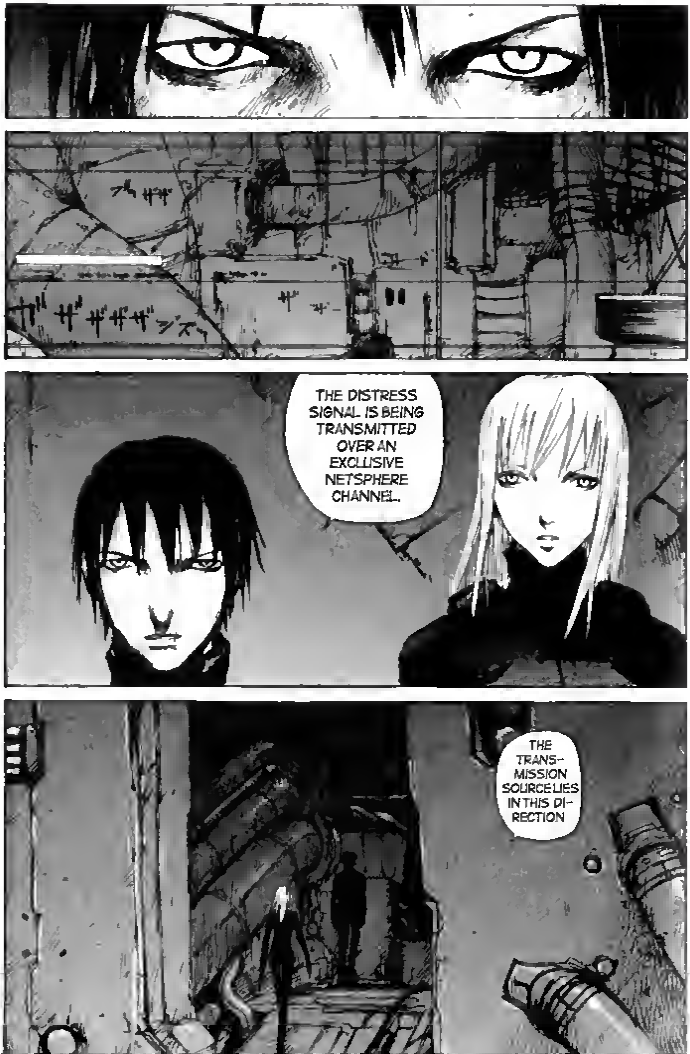

KILLY, I CAN'T RECEIVE ANYTHING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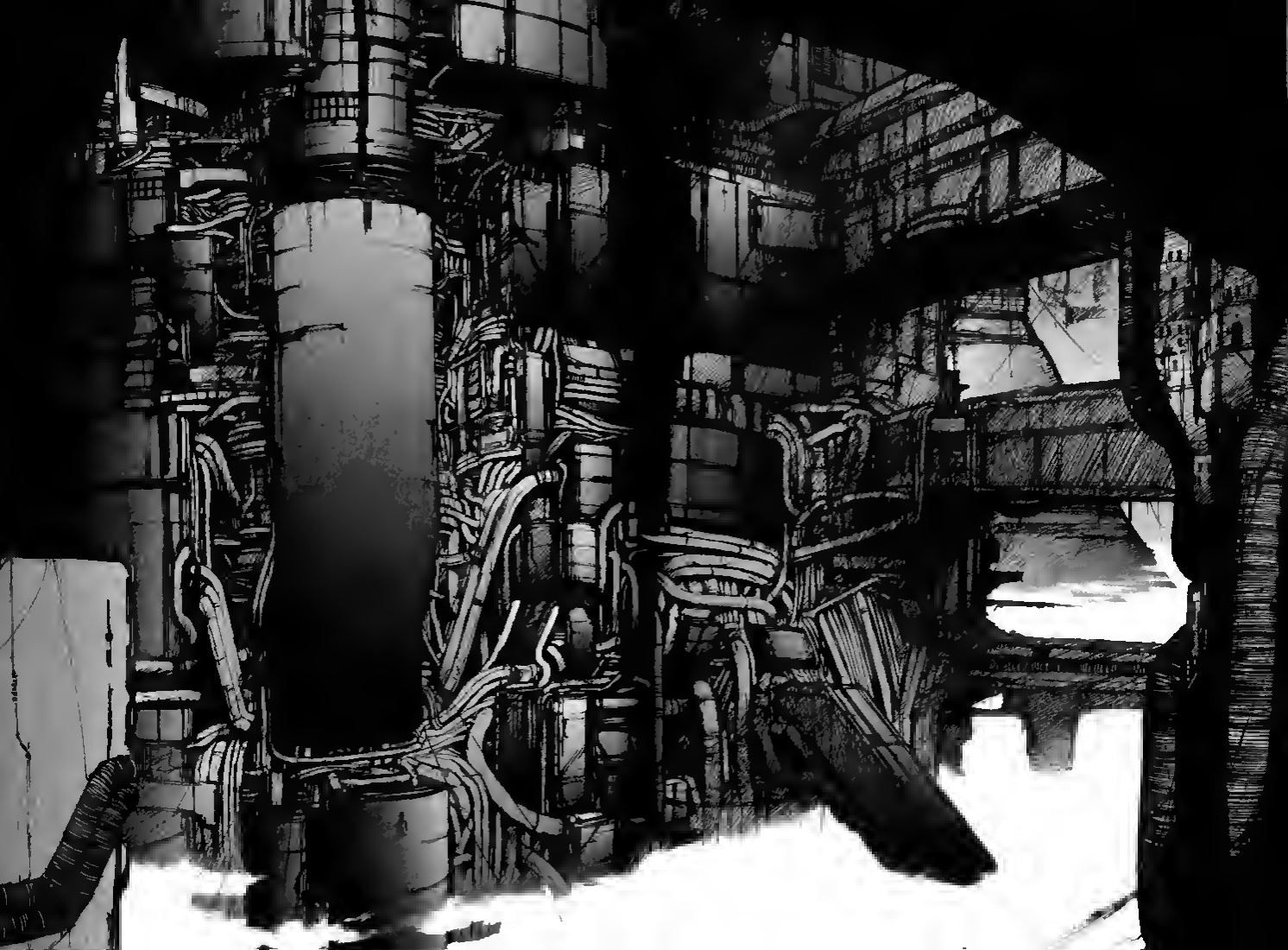

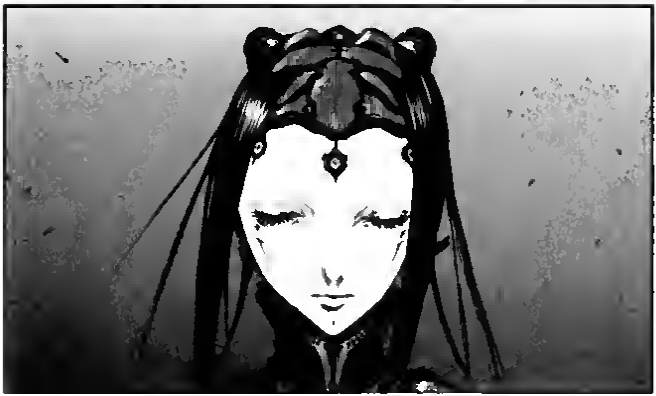

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PCELL HAS DETECTED SOMETHING.
DA-VINEL-ULIN-VEGA!

IT MIGHT BE A DISGUISED SAFEGUARD
IT'S HEADING STRAIGHT OVER HERE

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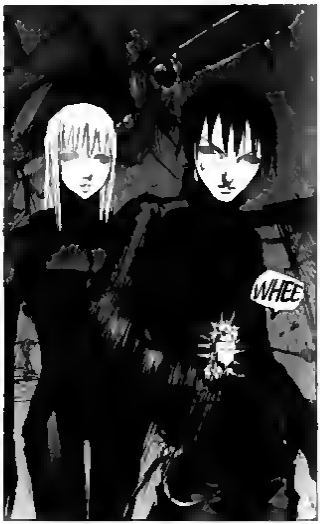
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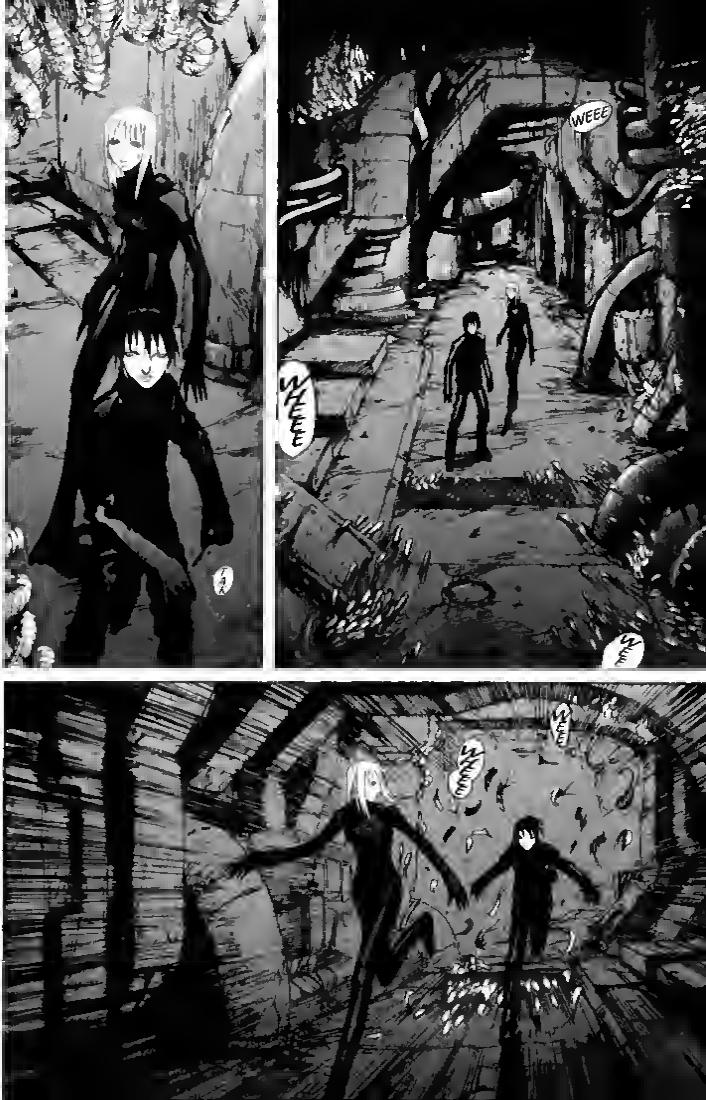
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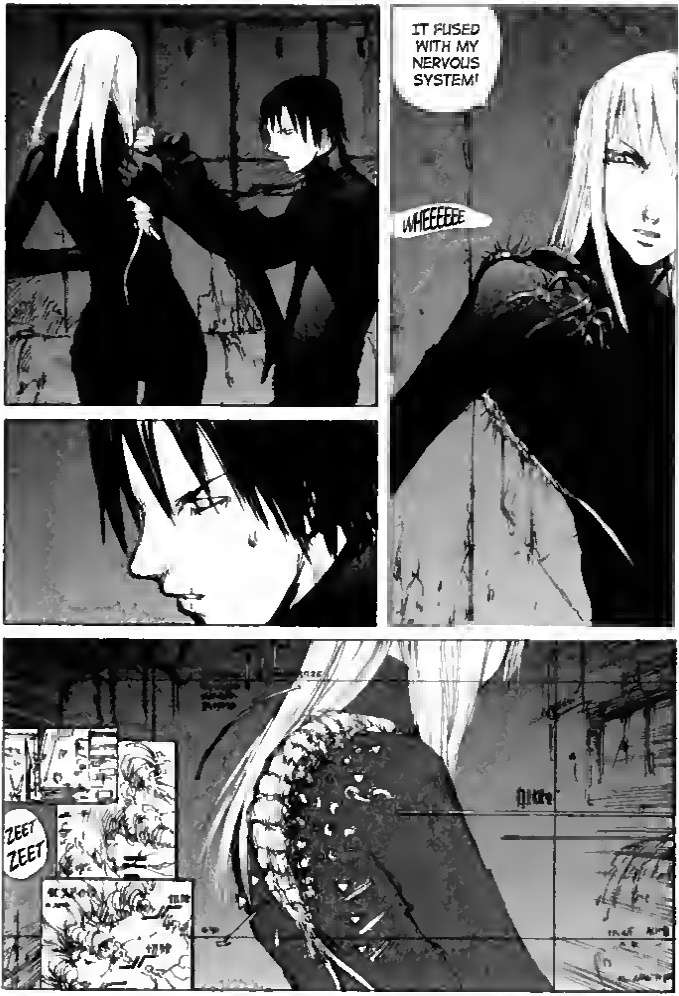
IT FUSED WITH MY NERVOUS SYSTEM!
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CAN'T MOVE ... MY RIGHT SIDE.
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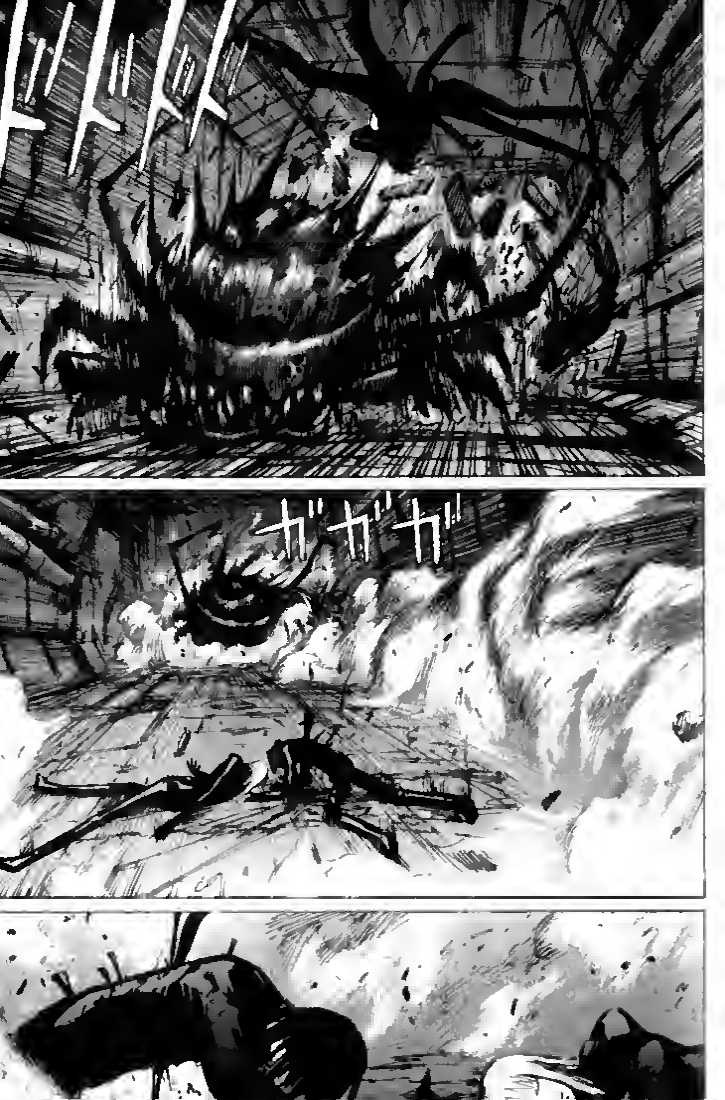
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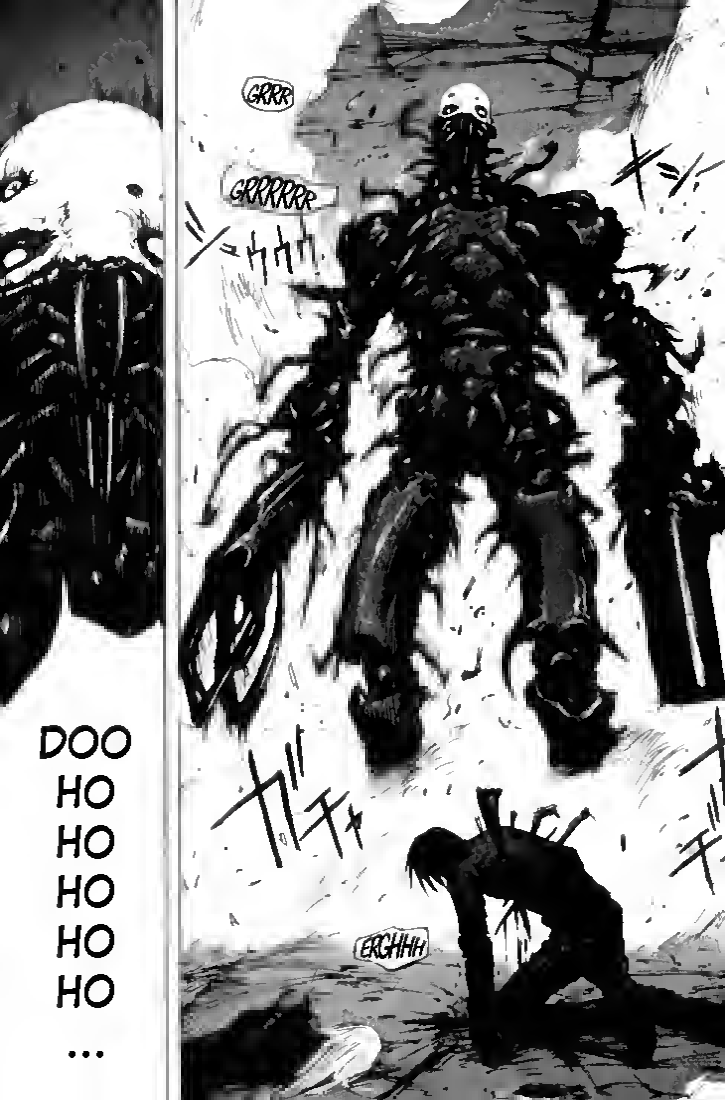
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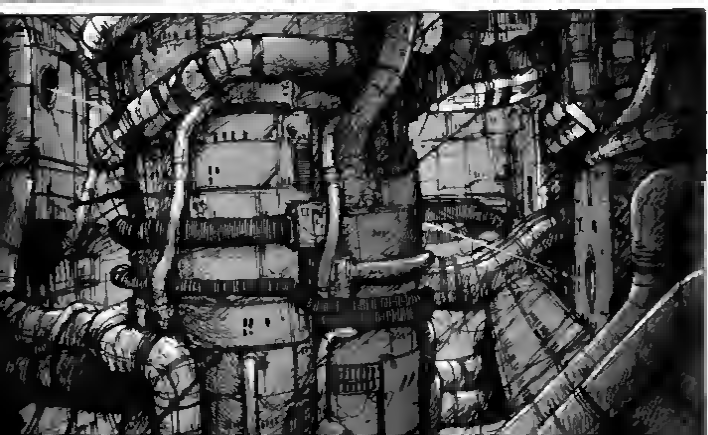

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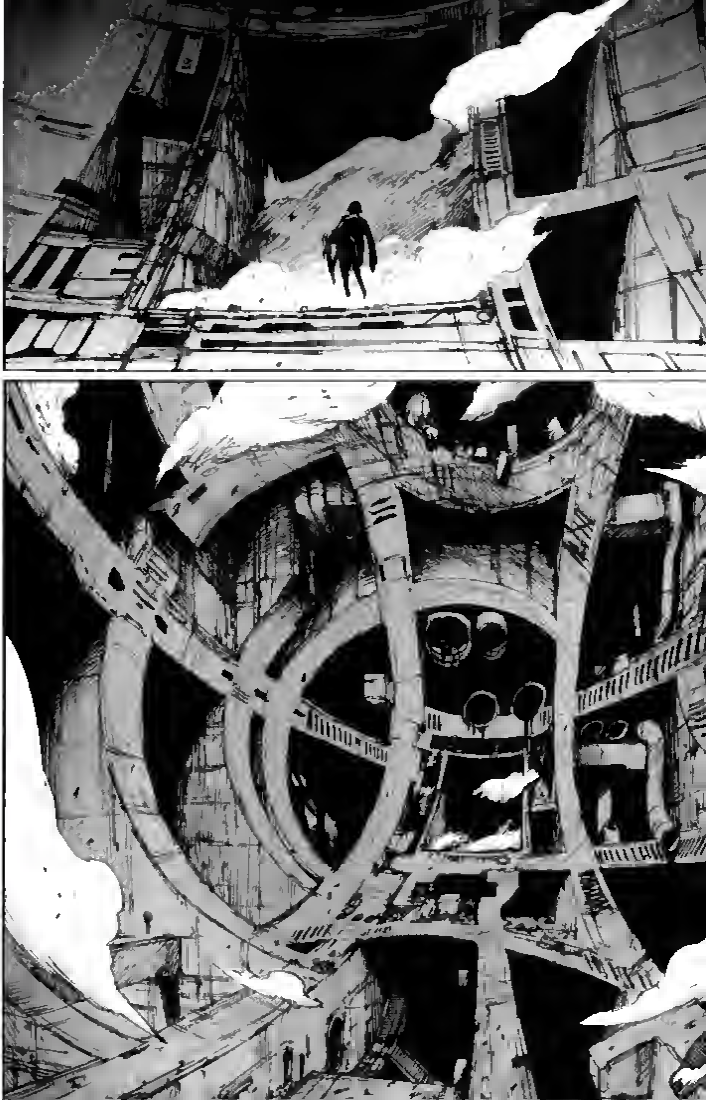

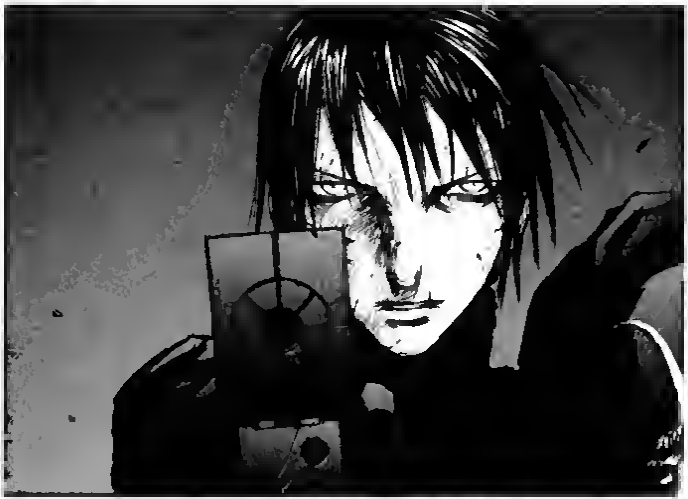

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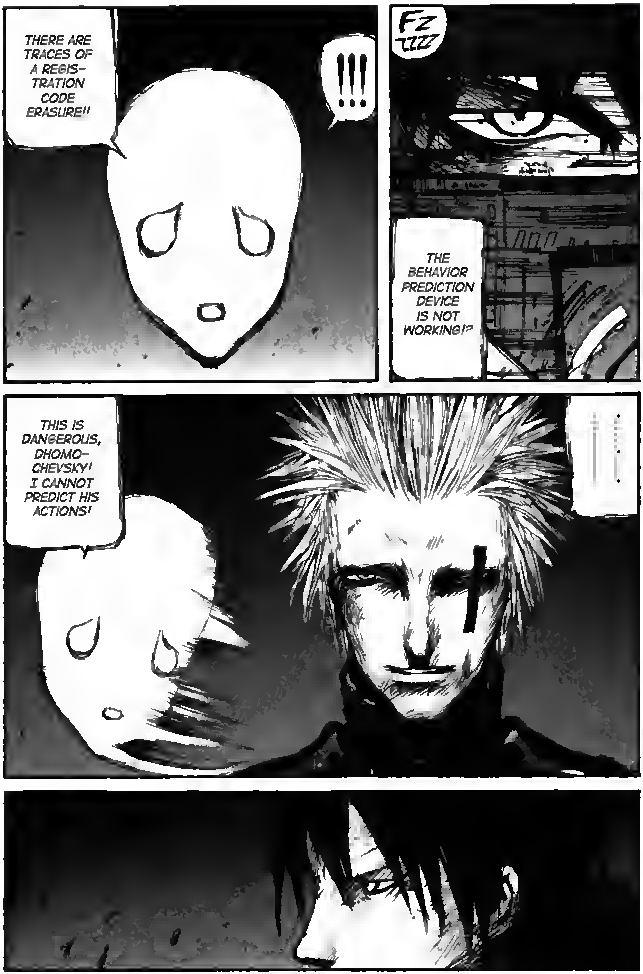
BEEP BEEP
ZEEEEEEE!

A GRAVITONAL BEAM EMITTER!
WITHOUT A DOUBT THAT IS A CLASS 1 CRITICAL EFFECT WEAPON!
K&H

HE'S IN BATTLE MODE. THIS WON'T END WELL.
[redacted] ISN'T RESPONDING TO THE COMMUNICATION FREQUENCIES
WAIT A MOMENT. THE RETINA SCAN WASN'T REJECTED.


THERE ARE TRACES OF A REGIS-TRATION CODE ERASURE!!
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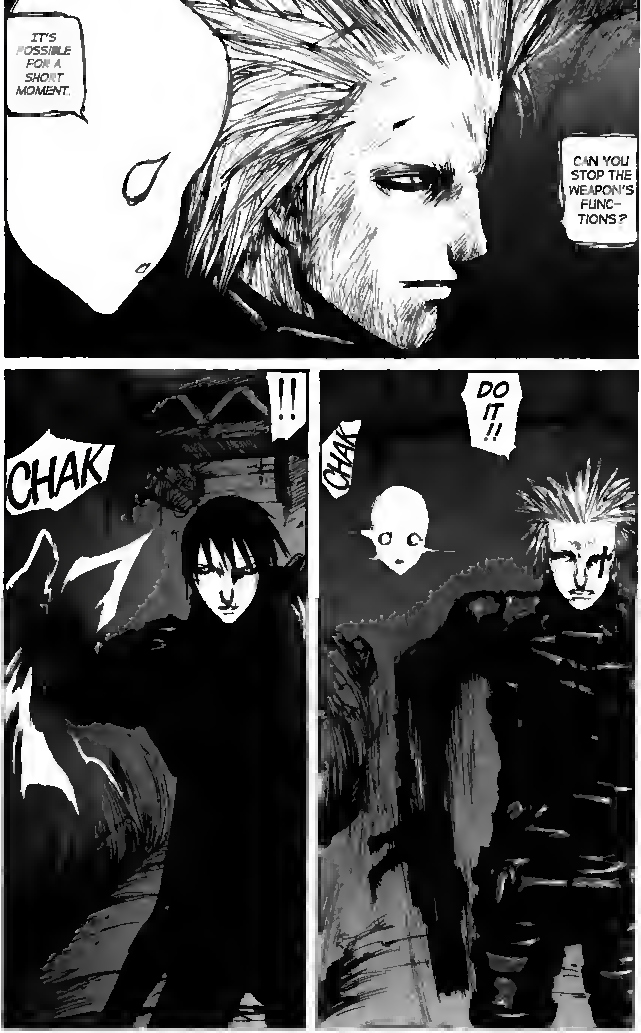
THE BEHAVIOR PREDICTION DEVICE IS NOT WORKING!?
THIS IS DANGEROUS, DHOMO-CHEVSKY! I CANNOT PREDICT HIS ACTIONS!


IT'S POSSIBLE FOR A SHORT MOMENT.
CAN YOU STOP THE WEAPON'S FUNC-TIONS?
CHAK
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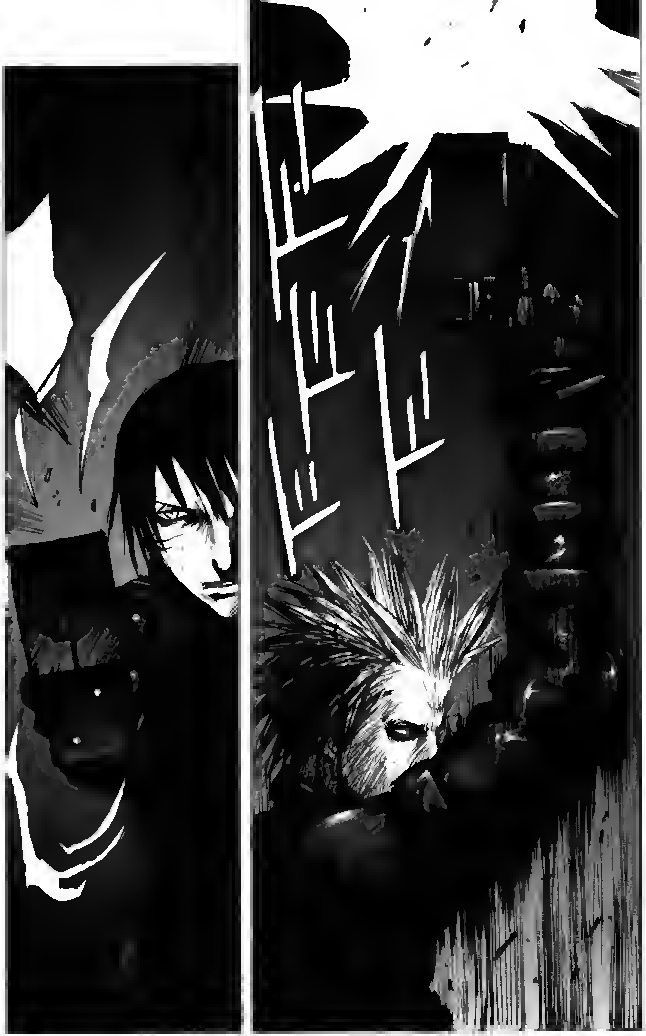
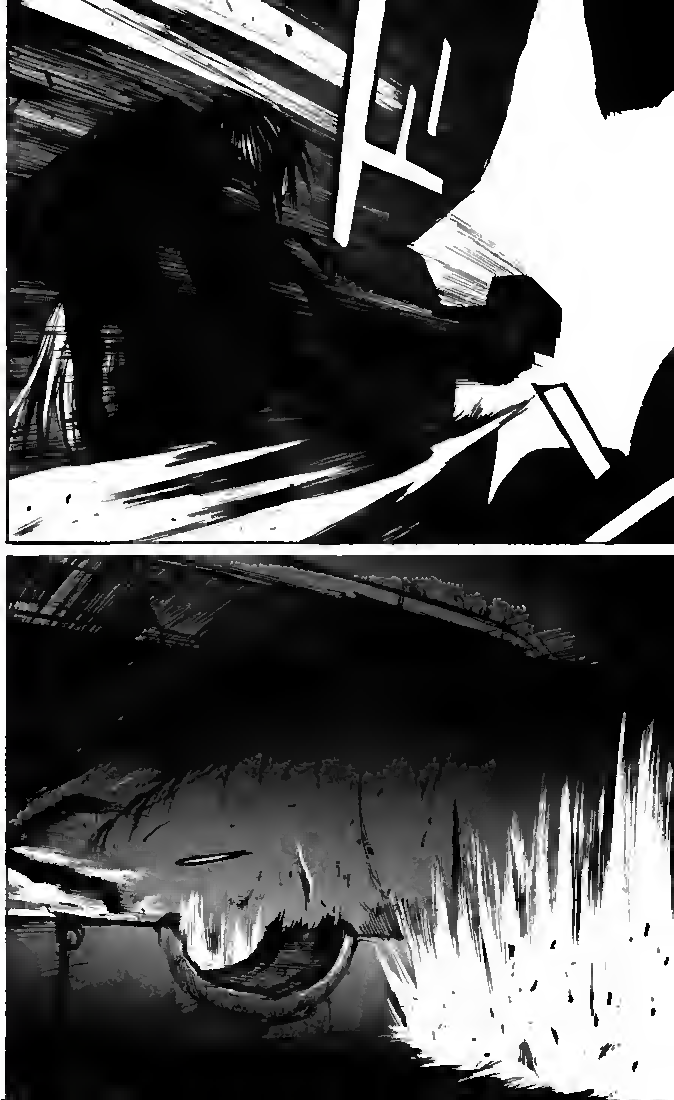
CHAK
DO IT !!





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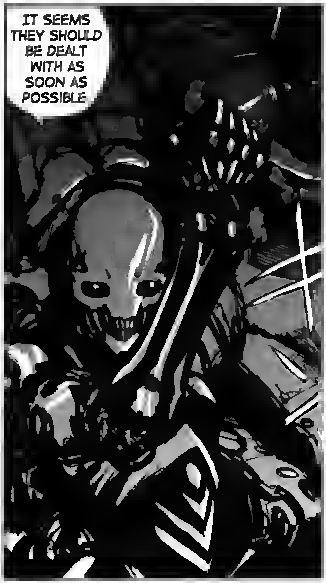
DHOMO-CHEVSKY HAS MET UP WITH THE IN-TRUDERS.
SCH-IFF.

A BATTLE ENSUED IMME-DIATELY AND EVERY-ONE VAN-ISHED

THERE ISN'T ANY RESPONSE FROM IRON EITHER.
I DON'T KNOW.
DOES THIS MEAN THE INTRUDERS WEREN'T SAFEGUARDS?


IT SEEMS THEY SHOULD BE DEALT WITH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE WEAPON USED BY THESE INTRUDERS LEFT HOLES 70 KILOMETER LONG.

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I'M GLAD THAT WE COULD MEET AGAIN.
YOU AWOKE SOONER THAN EXPECTED
ARE YOU ALRIGHT ?
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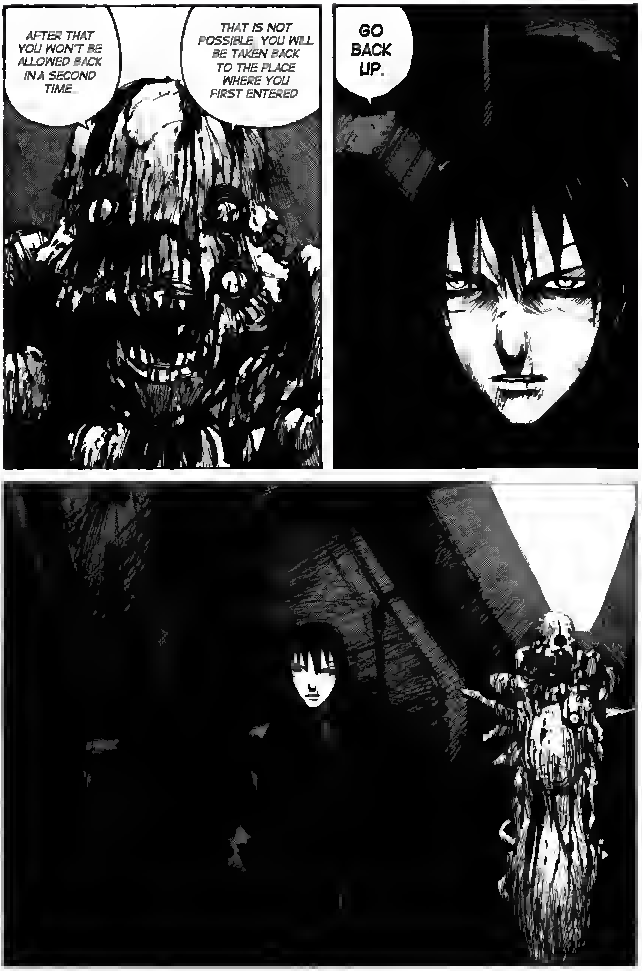
TION
?
IT HAS BEEN APPROXIMATELY 17 HOURS. WE WILL REACH OUR DESTINATION IN ABOUT 800 HOURS.
HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN HERE?
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU WILL BE TAKEN BACK TO THE PLACE WHERE YOU FIRST ENTERED
THE UNOFFICIAL MEGA-STRUCTURE'S OUTSIDE


AFTER THAT YOU WON'T BE ALLOWED BACK IN A SECOND TIME.
THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE. YOU WILL BE TAKEN BACK TO THE PLACE WHERE YOU FIRST ENTERED
GO BACK UP.

THAT'S USELESS IT IS ONLY FOR EMERGENCY USE IF I WERE TO SUFFER AN ACCIDENT
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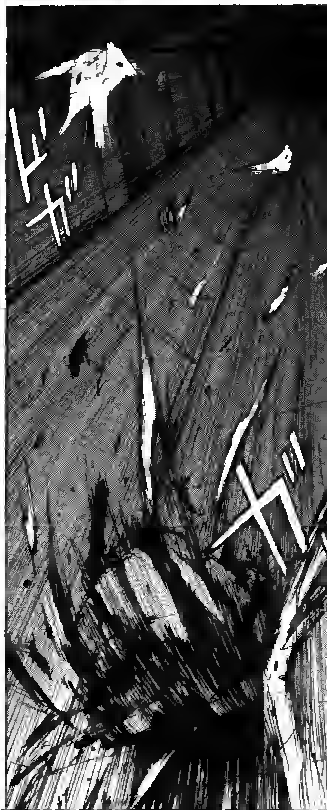
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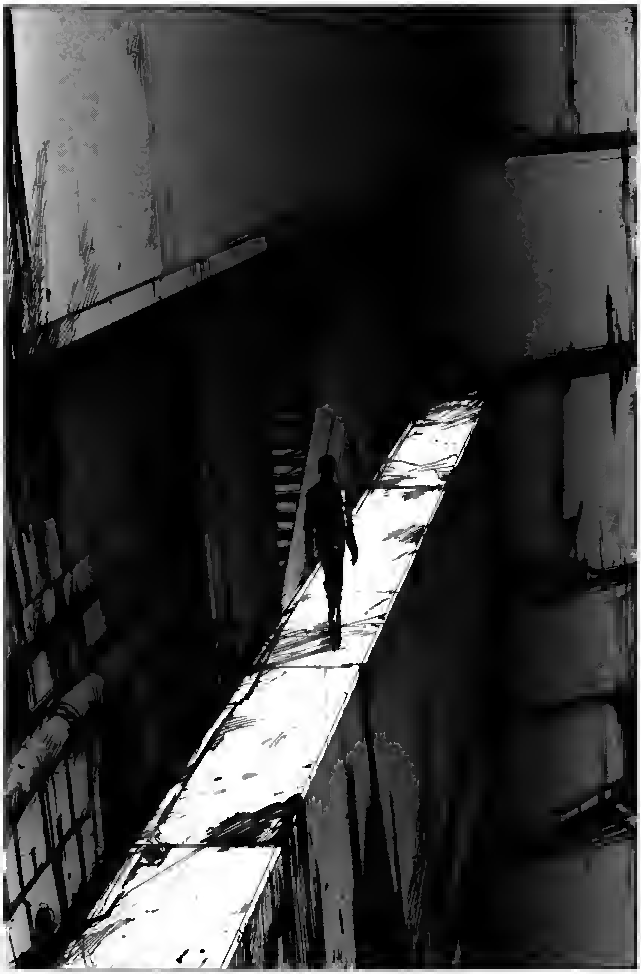

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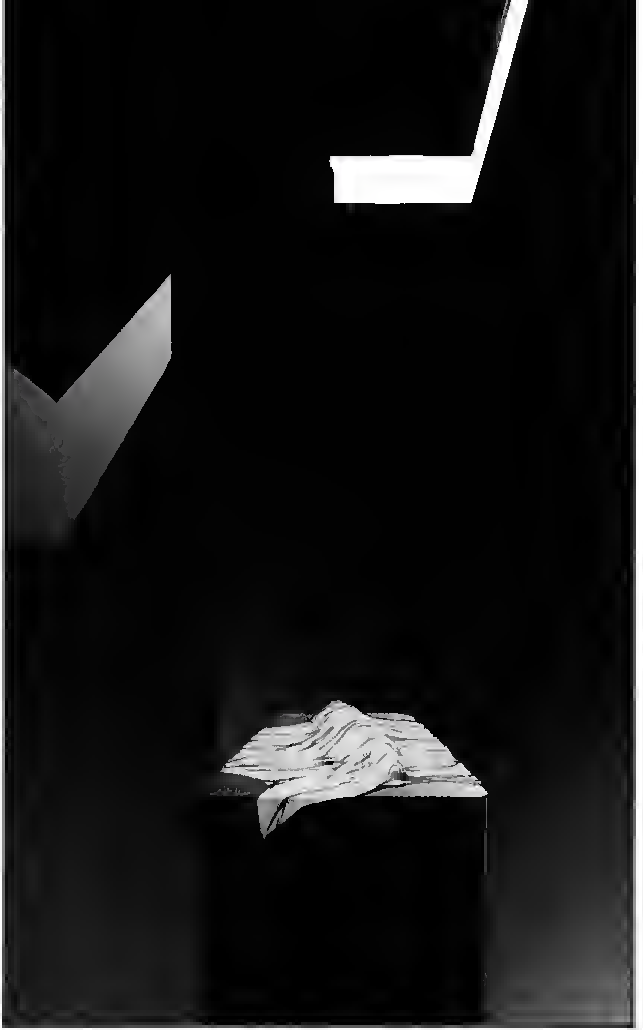

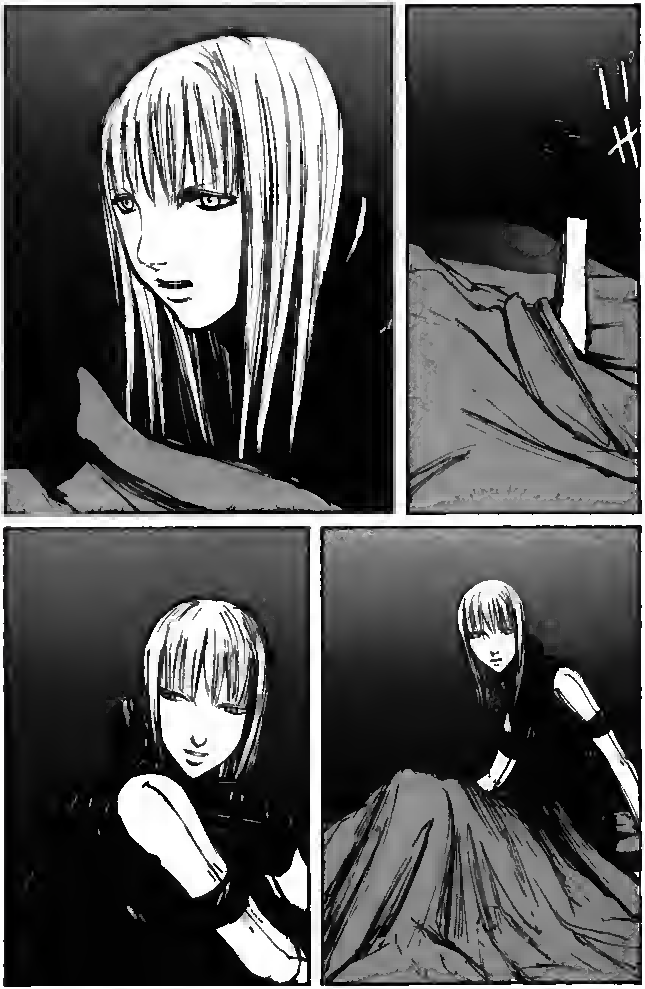

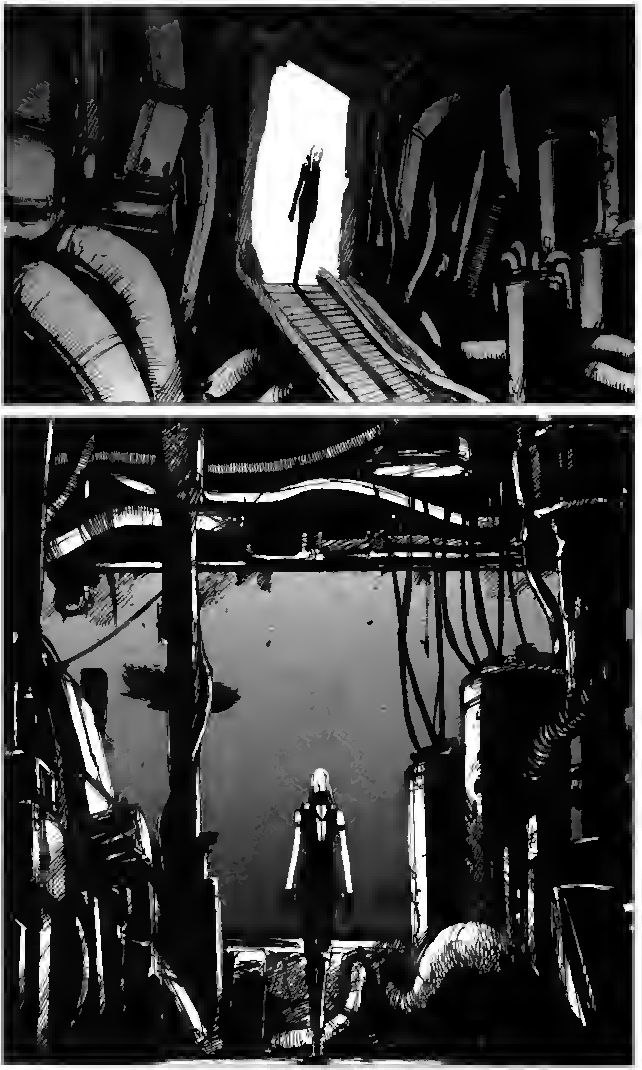

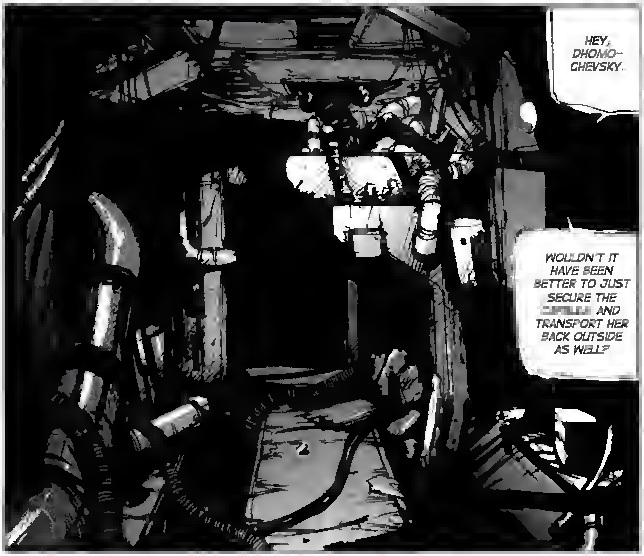
HEY, DHOMOCHEVSKY.
WOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN BETTER TO JUST SECURE THE [redacted] AND TRANSPORT HER BACK OUTSIDE AS WELL?

NOPE. THAT WOMAN IS HUMAN. IF SHE WERE RETURNED OUTSIDE, SHE WOULD CERTAINLY BE CAPTURED BY THE SILICON CREATURES.
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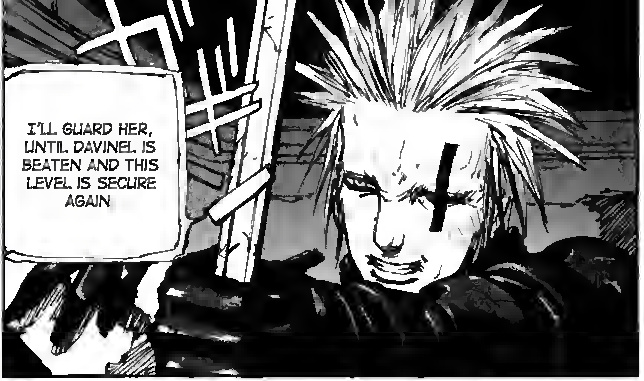
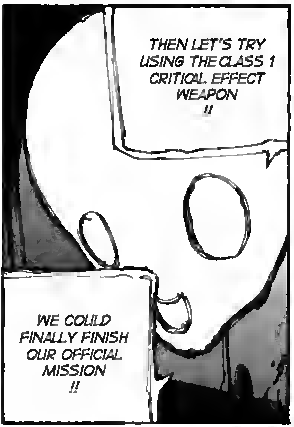
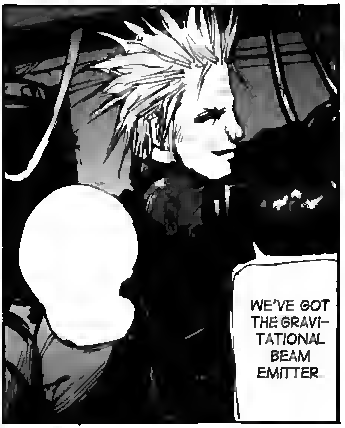
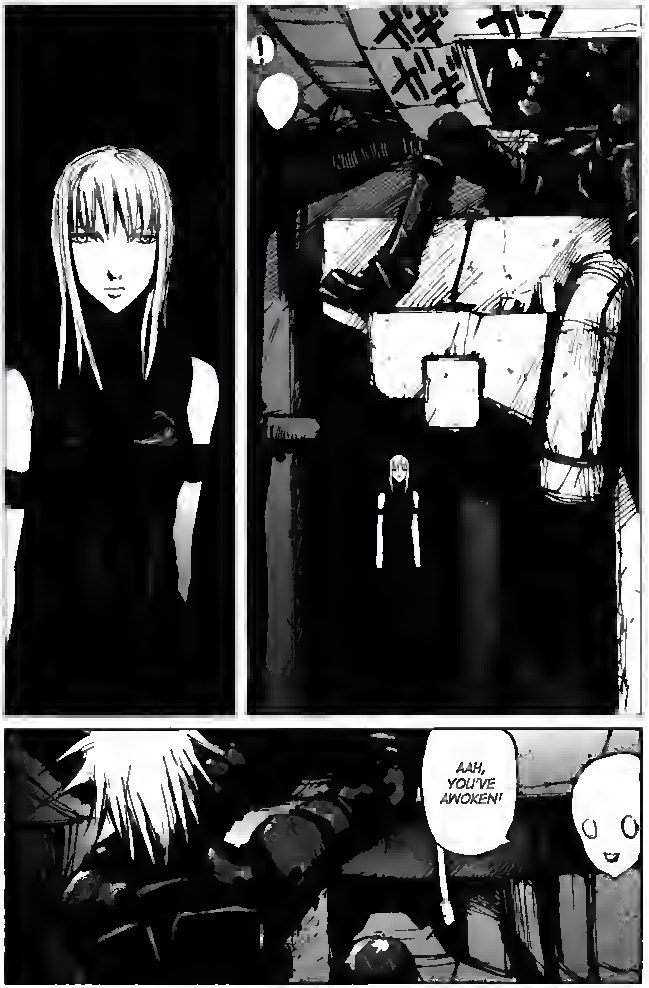

I'LL GUARD HER, UNTIL DAVINEL IS BEATEN AND THIS LEVEL IS SECURE AGAIN

UP UNTIL NOW, WE COULD JUST BARELY PROTECT OURSELVES !!
YOU INTEND TO TAKE CARE OF HER UNTIL THEN?!


THEN LET'S TRY USING THE CLASS 1 CRITICAL EFFECT WEAPON !!
WE COULD FINALLY FINISH OUR OFFICIAL MISSION !!


WE'VE GOT THE GRAVITATIONAL BEAM EMITTER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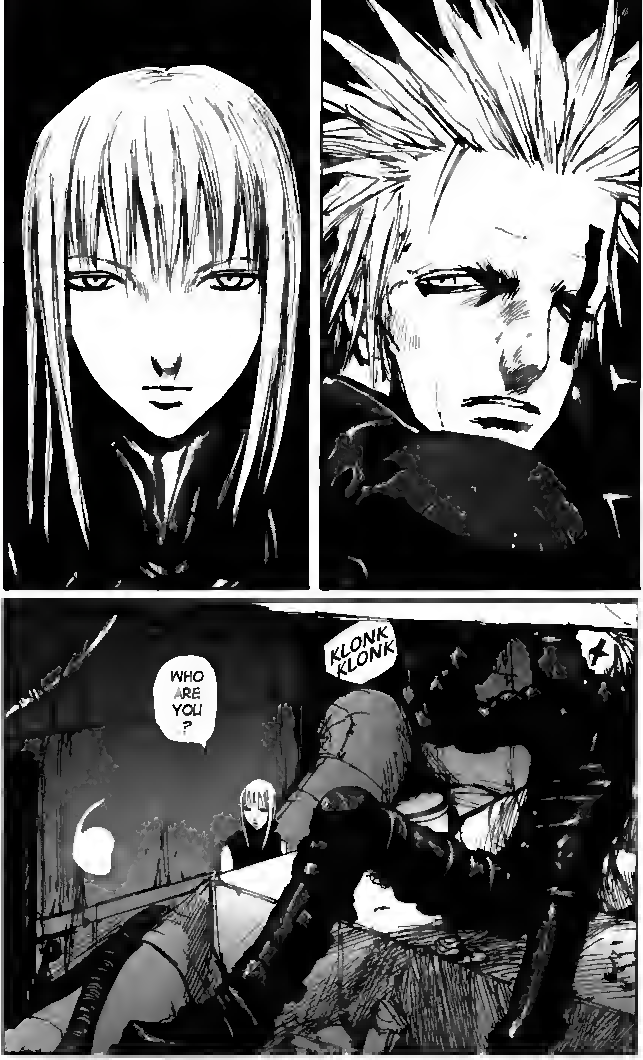
AAH, YOU'VE AWOKEN!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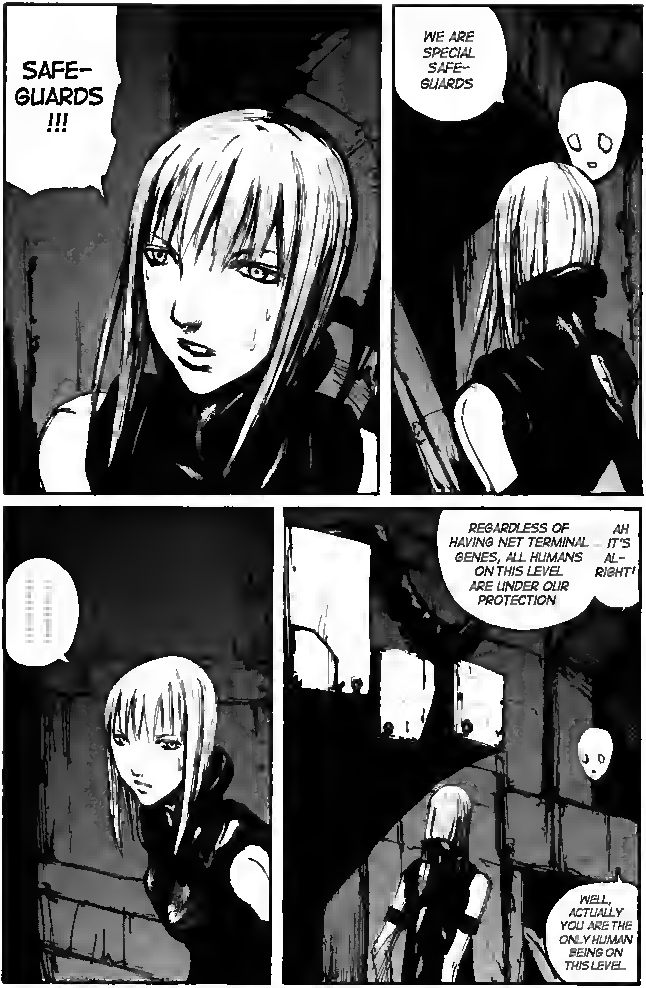
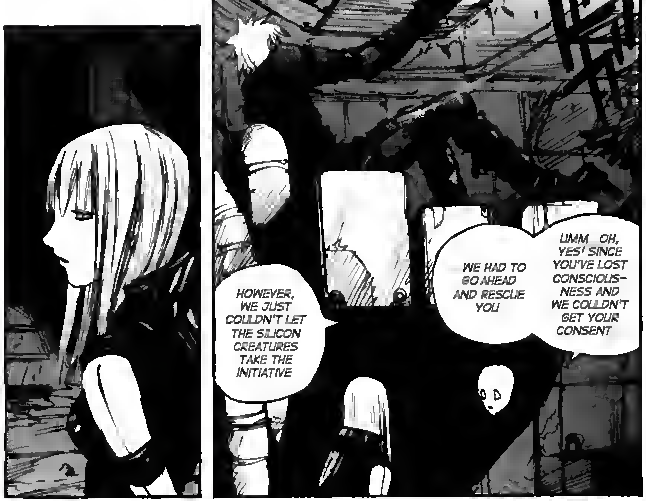
WHO ARE YOU ?


SAFE-GUARDS !!!
WE ARE SPECIAL SAFE-GUARDS
!!!
REGARDLESS OF HAVING NET TERMINAL GENES, ALL HUMANS ON THIS LEVEL ARE UNDER OUR PROTECTION
AH IT'S AL-RIGHT
WELL, ACTUALLY YOU ARE THE ONLY HUMAN BEING ON THIS LEVEL.


HOWEVER, WE JUST COULDN'T LET THE SILICON CREATURES TAKE THE INITIATIVE
WE HAD TO GO AHEAD AND RESCUE YOU
UMM... OH, YES! SINCE YOU'VE LOST CONSCIOUSNESS AND WE COULDN'T GET YOUR CONSENT

I'VE INSPECTED YOUR BELONGINGS
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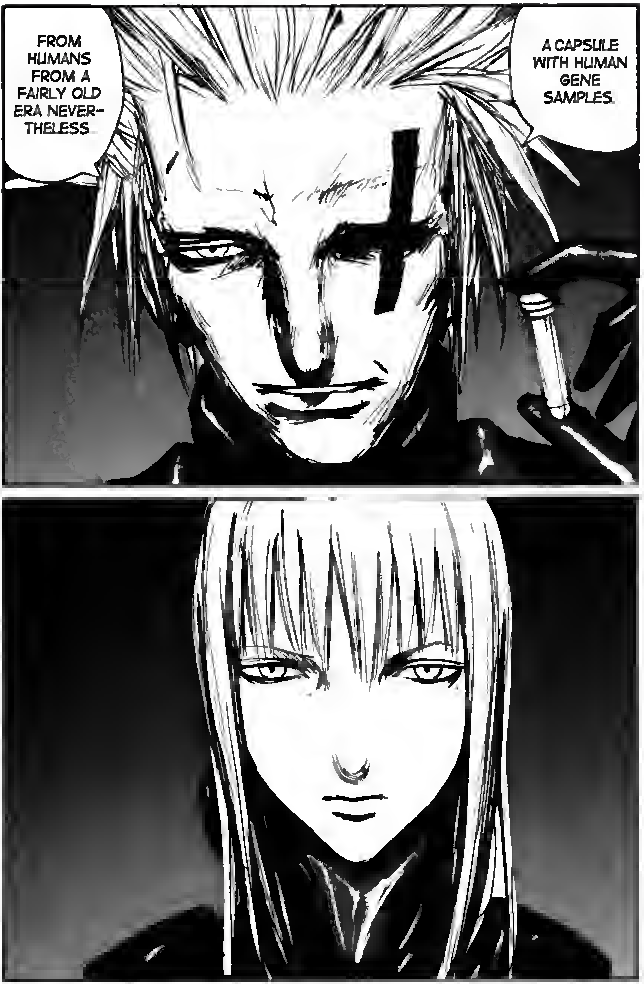
FROM HUMANS FROM A FAIRLY OLD ERA NEVER-THELESS
A CAPSULE WITH HUMAN GENE SAMPLES.

.....FOR RESCUING ME, I GIVE YOU MY THANKS.
HOWEVER, GIVE THAT BACK TO ME.
WHY ARE YOU CARRYING SOMETHING LIKE THAT AROUND?
WHY DID YOU COME TO THIS LEVEL?
NOPE, I'LL KEEP THIS IN MY CUSTODY.
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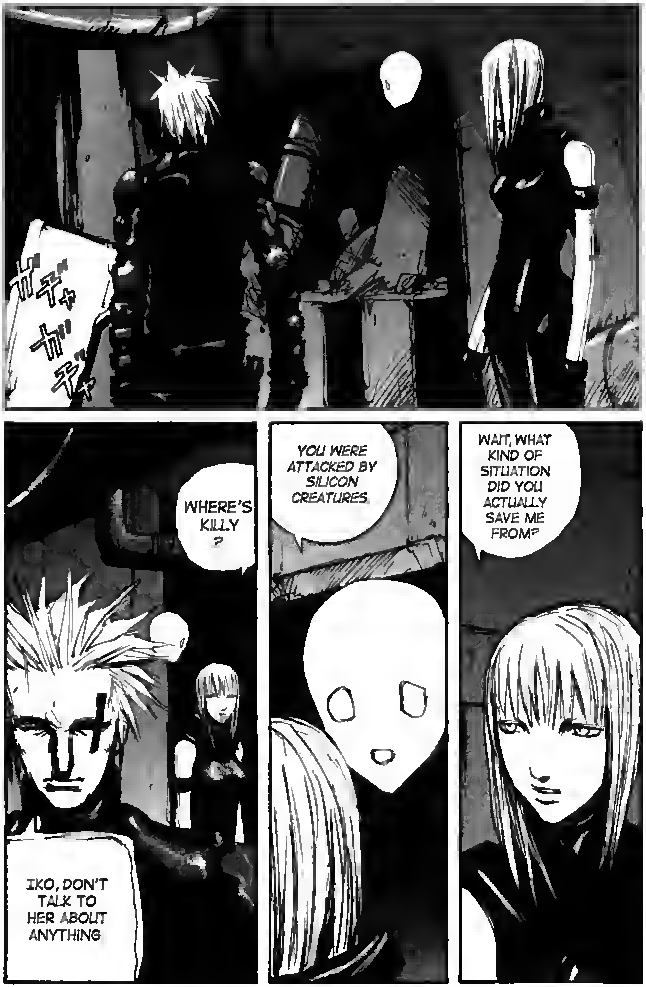
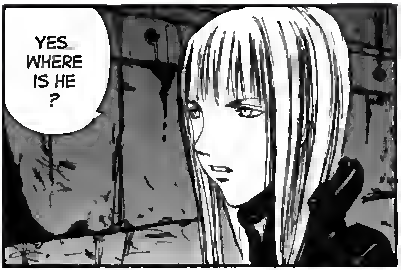
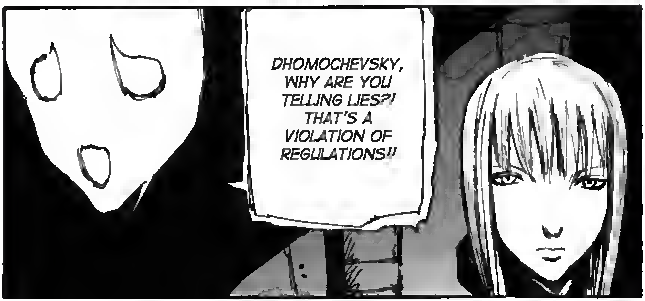
GUARD THIS WOMAN.


WHERE'S KILLY ?
IKO, DON'T TALK TO HER ABOUT ANYTHING
YOU WERE ATTACKED BY SILICON CREATURES.
WAIT, WHAT KIND OF SITUATION DID YOU ACTUALLY SAVE ME FROM?


YES. WHERE IS HE ?

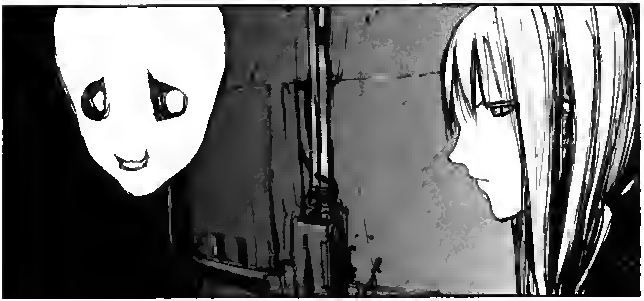
THE GUY WHO WAS WITH YOU ?

HE WENT MISSING
YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WE COULD SAVE


DHOMOCHEVSKY, WHY ARE YOU TELLING LIES?! THAT'S A VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS!!

THAT WOULD ONLY MAKE THINGS DIFFI-CULT. JUST BE QUIET.
WELL THEN, WOULD YOU EXPLAIN THIS PROPERLY?!

IT S FOR THE SAFETY OF THIS WOMAN AND THIS LEVEL.



WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING ?!!
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I HEARD WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO KILLY.
YOU... HAVE TOLD... HER?

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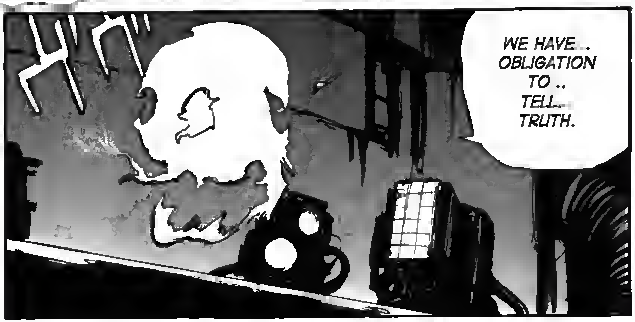
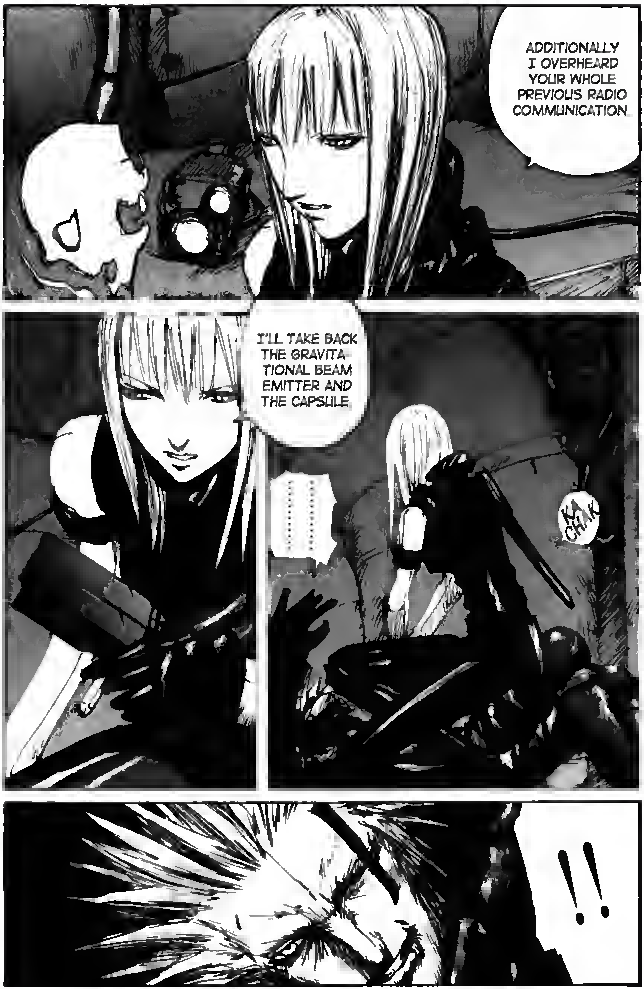

WE HAVE .. OBLIGATION TO .. TELL... TRUTH.


ADDITIONALLY I OVERHEARD YOUR WHOLE PREVIOUS RADIO COMMUNICATION.
I'LL TAKE BACK THE GRAVITA-TIONAL BEAM EMITTER AND THE CAPSULE.
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SHIT! HOW COULD SHE BE CARRYING SUCH A WEAPON?!
IT WAS PART OF HER SUITS' EQUIPMENT.
THAT SUIT WAS THE CLOSEST TO THE OLD ONE SHE WAS WEARING
NO
DIDN'T YOU CHECK HER WHEN YOU DRESSED HER AFTER THE MEDICAL TREATMENT?!!

YOU IDIOT!! SHE WAS ALSO ABLE TO OVER-HEAR OUR COMMUNI-CATIONS DUE TO THAT SUIT!
BESIDES, I DIDN'T THINK A HUMAN COULD UTILIZE THE FUNCTIONS OF A REAL SAFEGUARD SUIT.
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IF SHE GOES OUTSIDE... THERE'LL BE BIG TROUBLE
WHERE DID SHE GO?

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STOP
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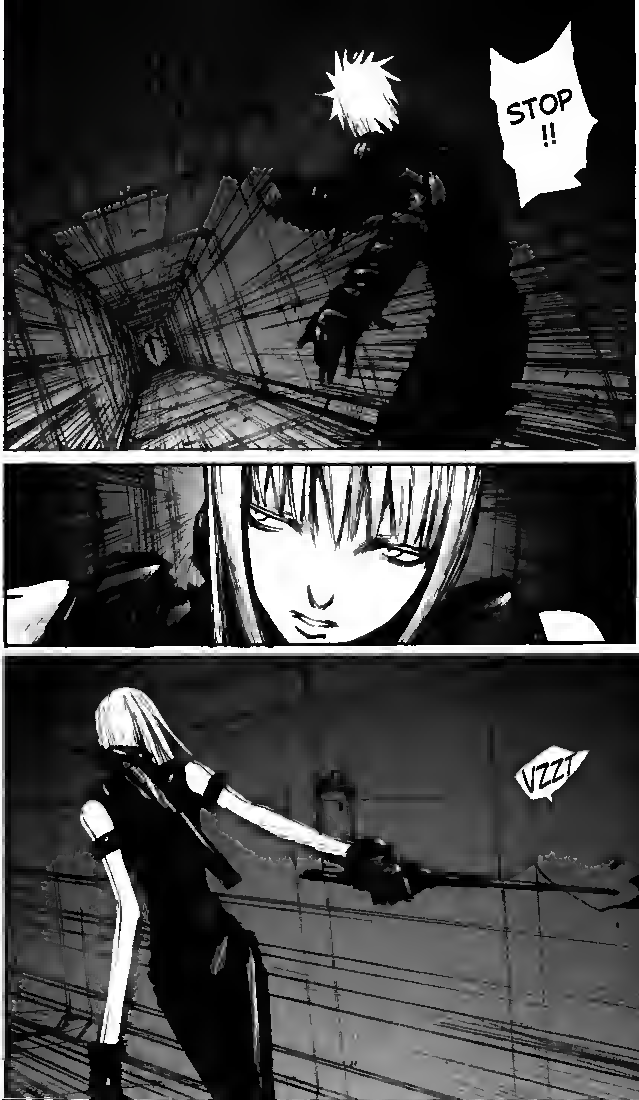
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OPEN IT, IKO! HURRY!
JUST A MO MENT
WAH! THIS WILL TAKE A WHILE

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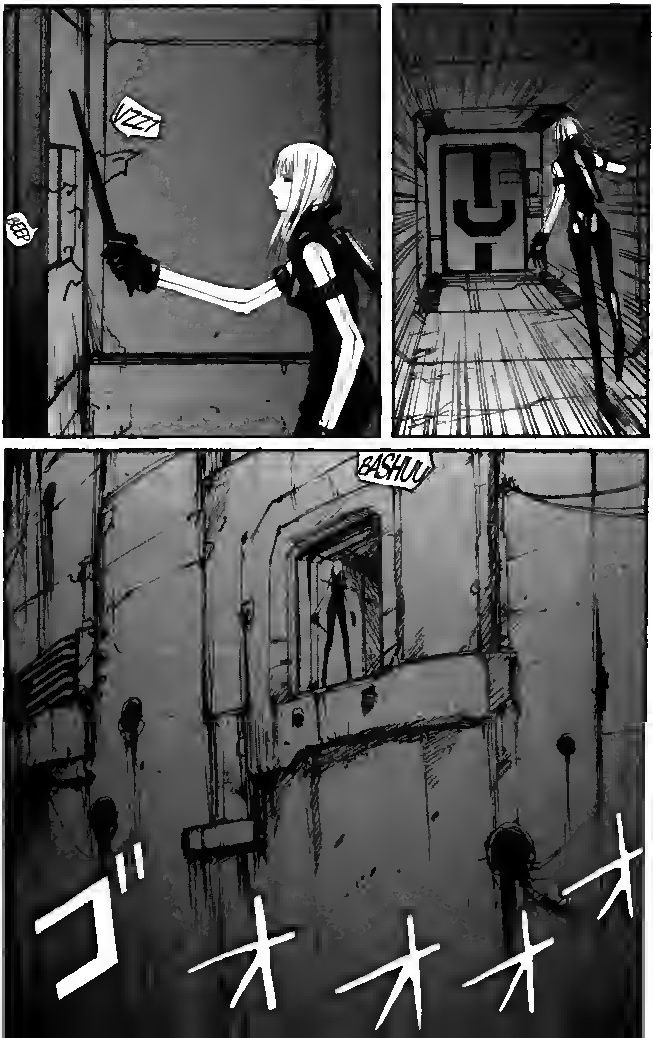
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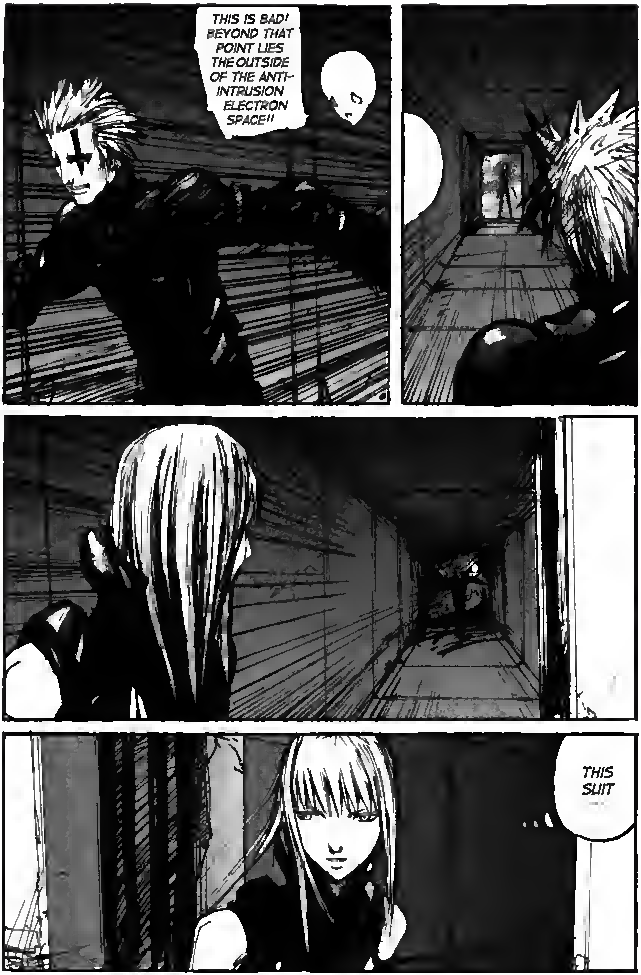
THIS IS BAD! BEYOND THAT POINT LIES THE OUTSIDE OF THE ANTI-INTRUSION ELECTRON SPACE!!
THIS SUIT

WAIT
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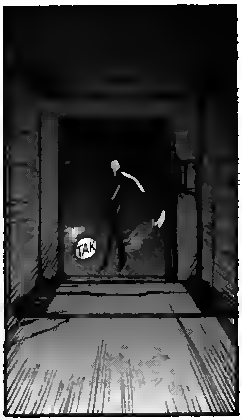
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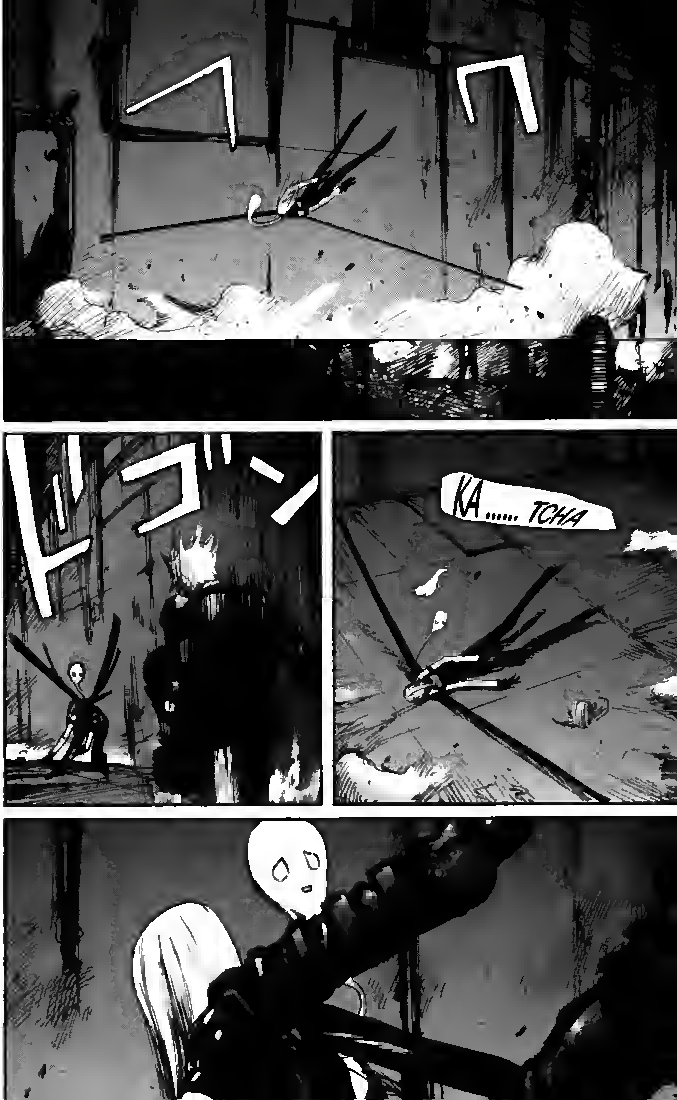
IKO, TAKE CONTROL OF THE SUIT!!
SHOOT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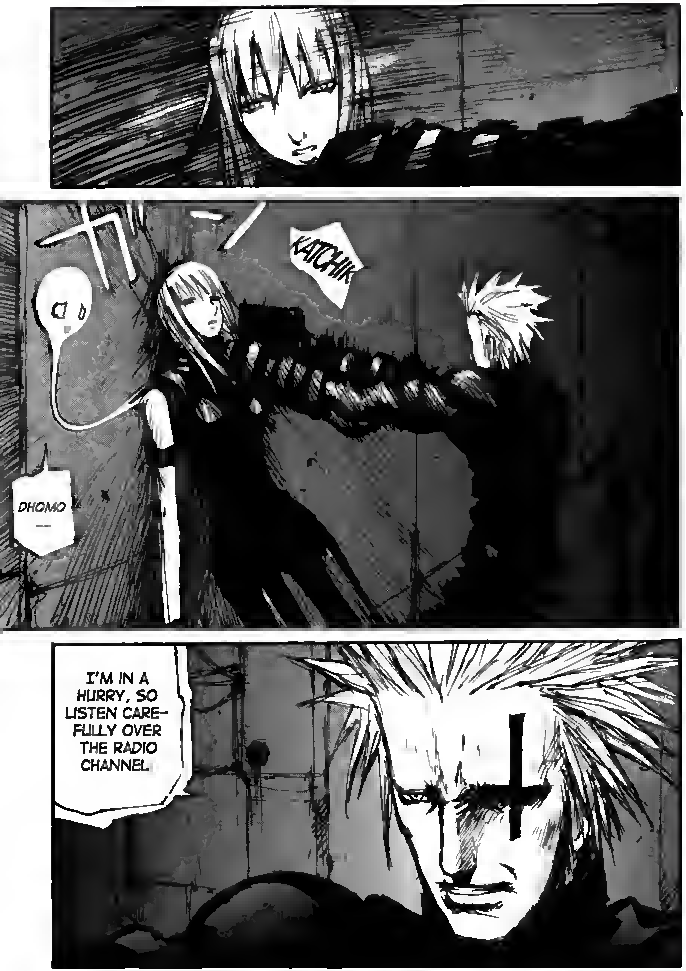
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DHOMO
I'M IN A HURRY, SO LISTEN CAREFULLY OVER THE RADIO CHANNEL.

I'LL ALSO GIVE BACK THE CAPSULE AND GUN
IF YOU WANT TO GET BACK TO KILLY, OR WHATEVER HIS NAME IS, I'LL TAKE YOU THERE THROUGH A SAFE ROUTE
AFTER THAT, YOU WON'T COME BACK AGAIN.
IF THE SILICON CREATURES GOT THEIR HANDS ON HUMAN GENES, I'D BE IN TROUBLE.
WHAT IS IT ?!
DHOMO-CHEVSKY !!

I SENSE PCELL'S PRESENCE HERE
WE'VE BEEN FOUND
WHAT DID YOU SAY ?
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<"MORE ACCURATE TRANSLATION OF PREVIOUSLY USED "CHARGING TOWER.">
THEY ARE DEPLOYING EXTERMINATORS... 24,25,26.... BAD, VERY BAD...
THE STRUCTURE CONVERSION TOWER" WAS ACTIVATED !!
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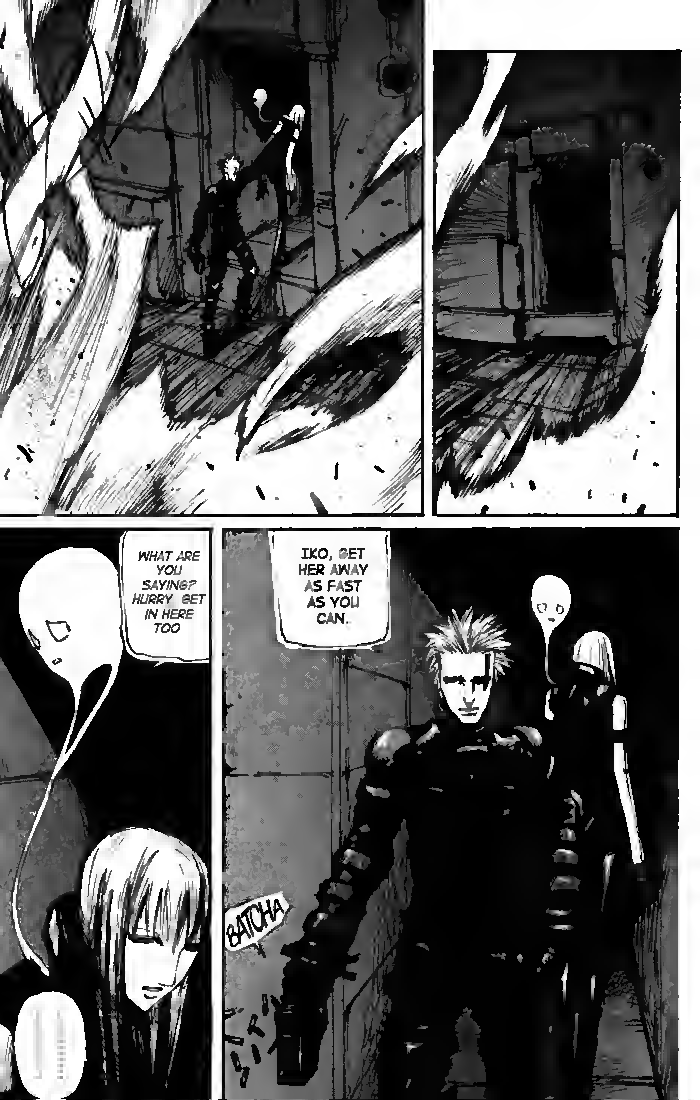
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!? HURRY, GET IN HERE TOO
IKO, GET HER AWAY AS FAST AS YOU CAN.
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NO, I'LL CONFRONT THEM HERE

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GO !!
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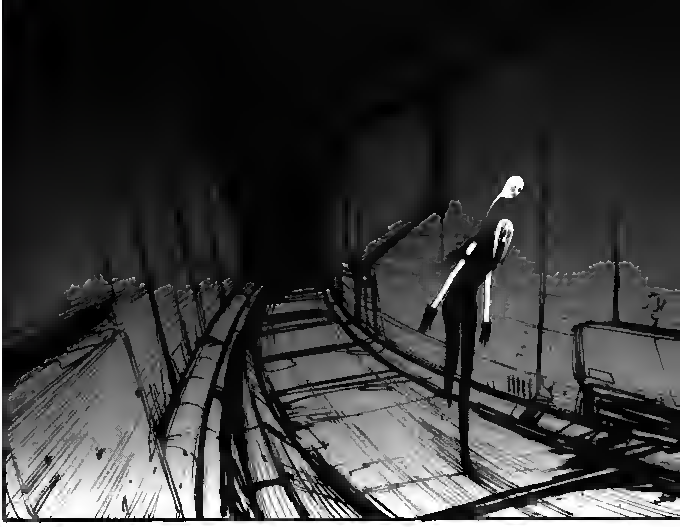

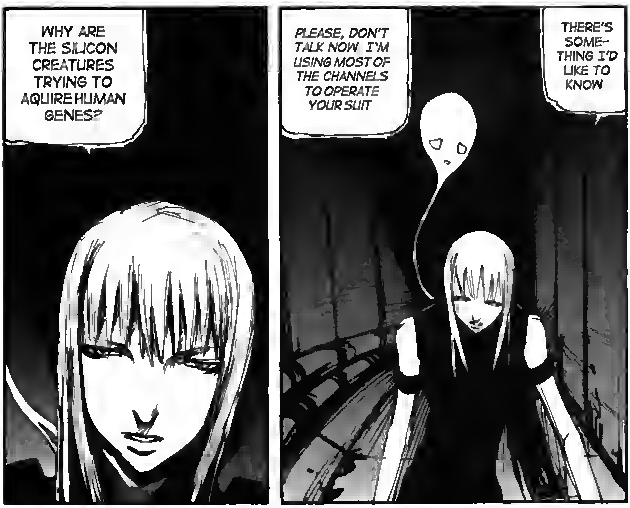
WHY ARE THE SILICON CREATURES TRYING TO AQUIRE HUMAN GENES?
PLEASE, DON'T TALK NOW. I'M USING MOST OF THE CHANNELS TO OPERATE YOUR SUIT
THERE'S SOME-THING I'D LIKE TO KNOW

DAVINEL INTENDS TO ACCESS THE NETSPHERE FROM THE CENTRAL NEXUS

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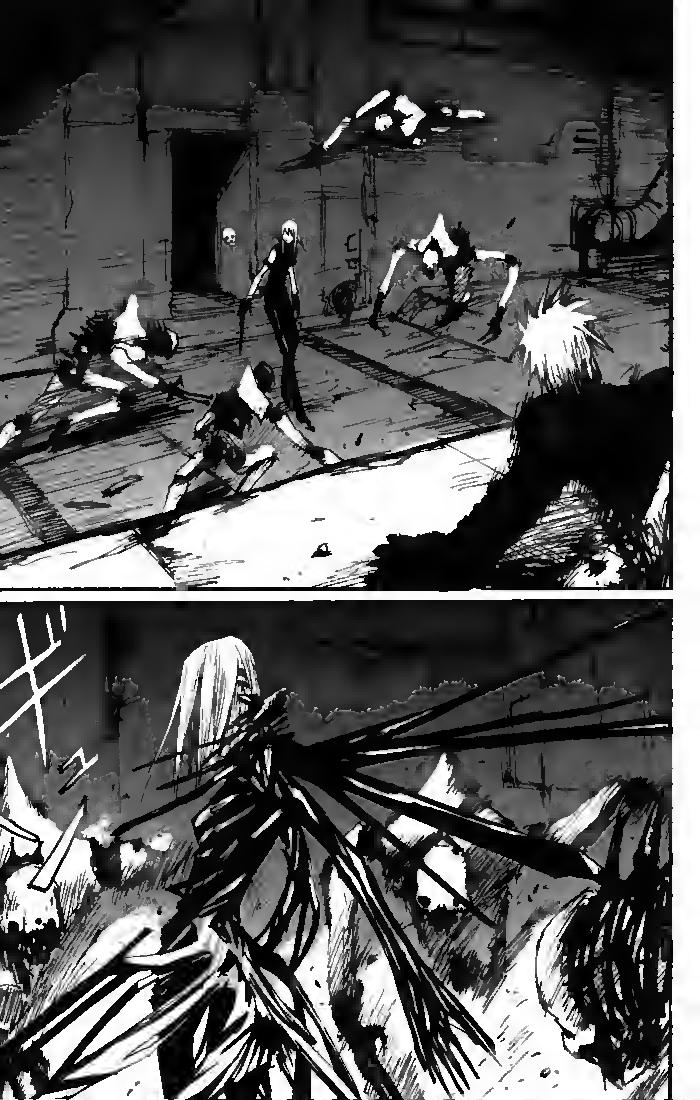

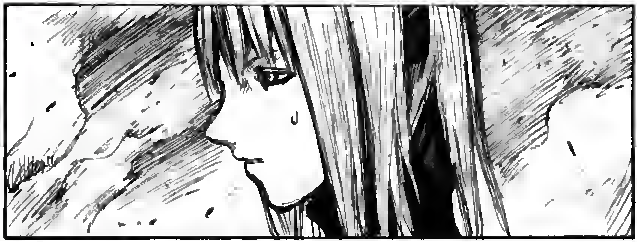

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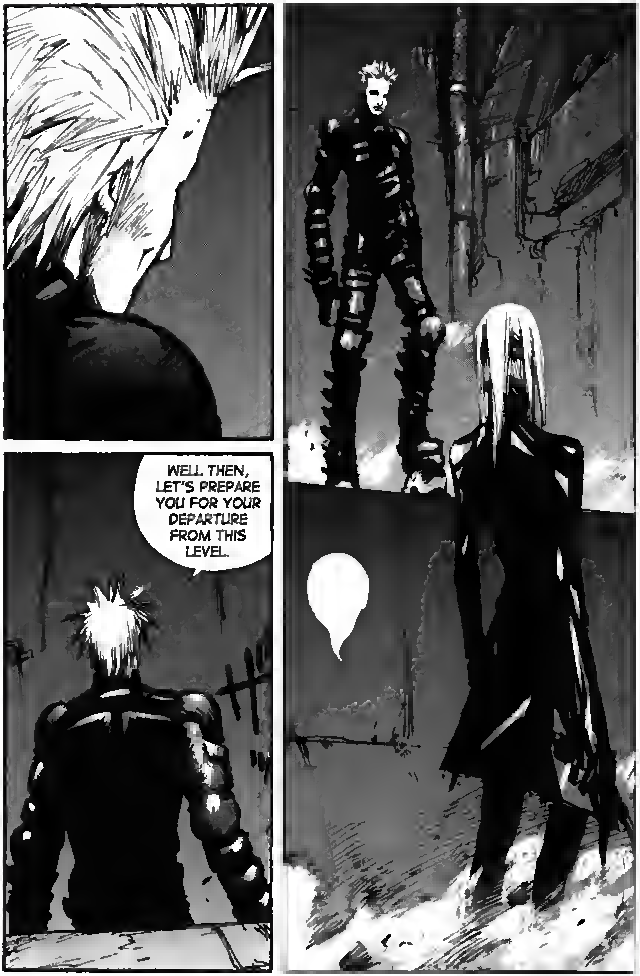
WELL. THEN, LET'S PREPARE YOU FOR YOUR DEPARTURE FROM THIS LEVEL.

TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENING.
ALSO, LET'S MEET UP WITH KILLY
I THINK WE COULD ASSIST YOU
DHOMO CHEVSKY

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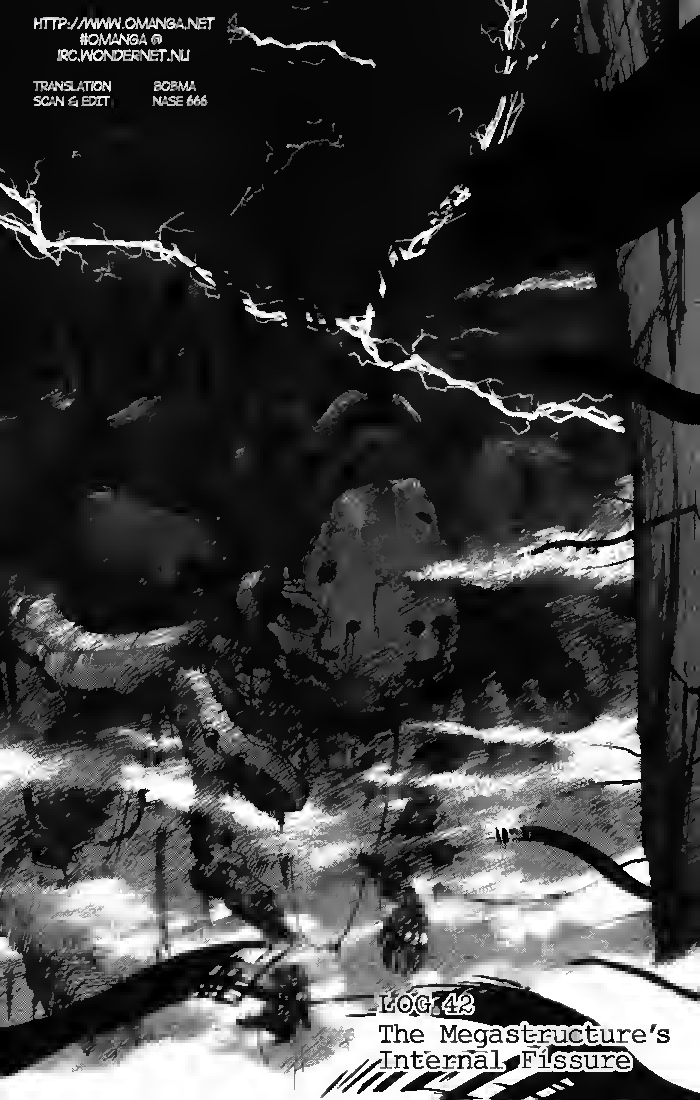

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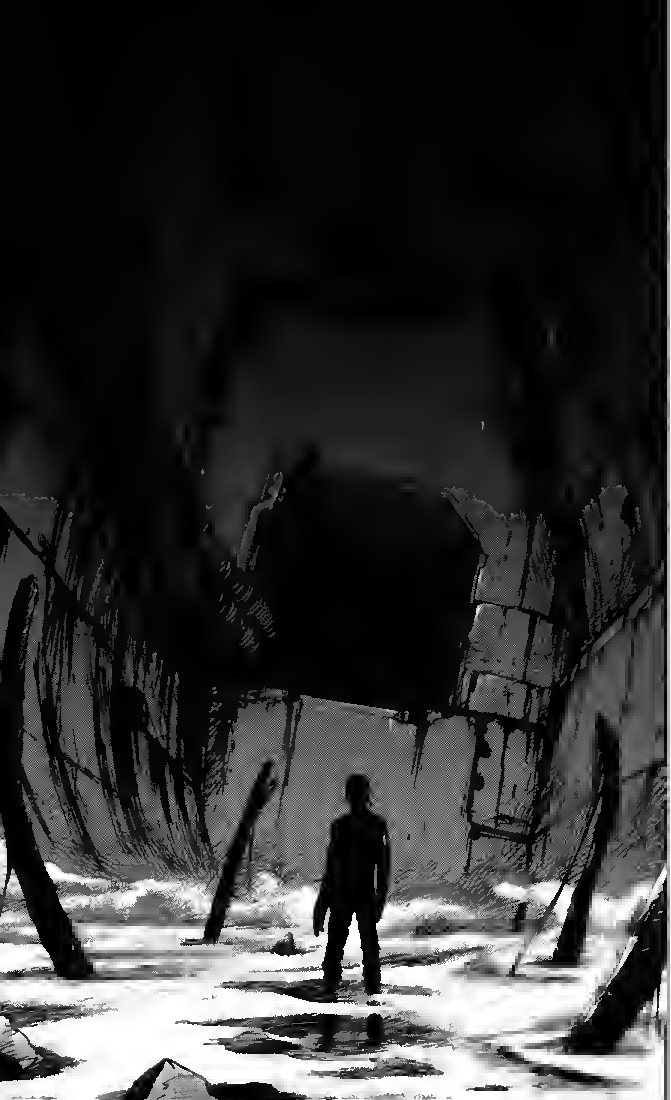

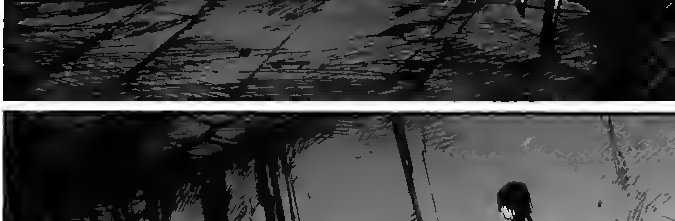

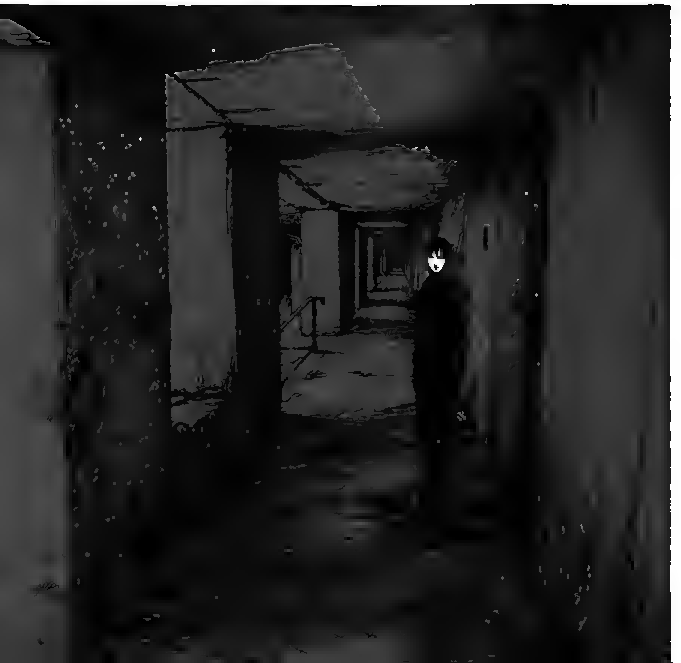

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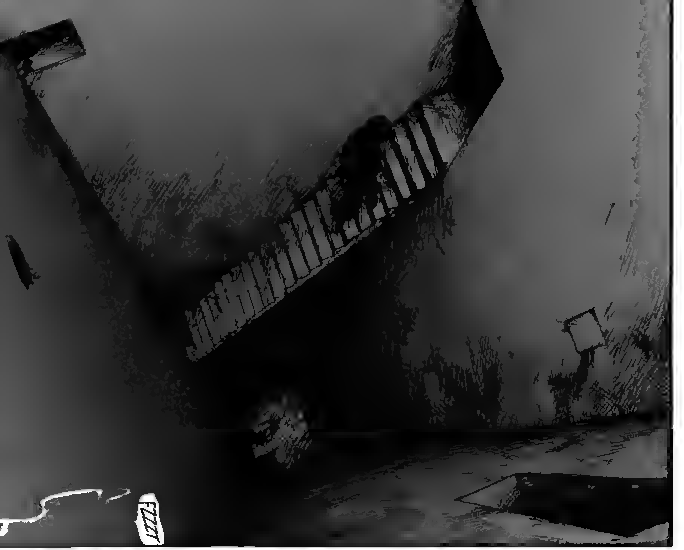

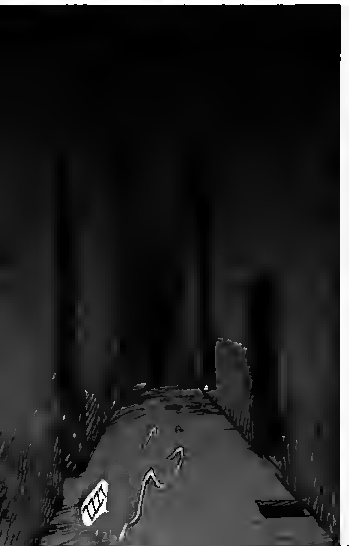

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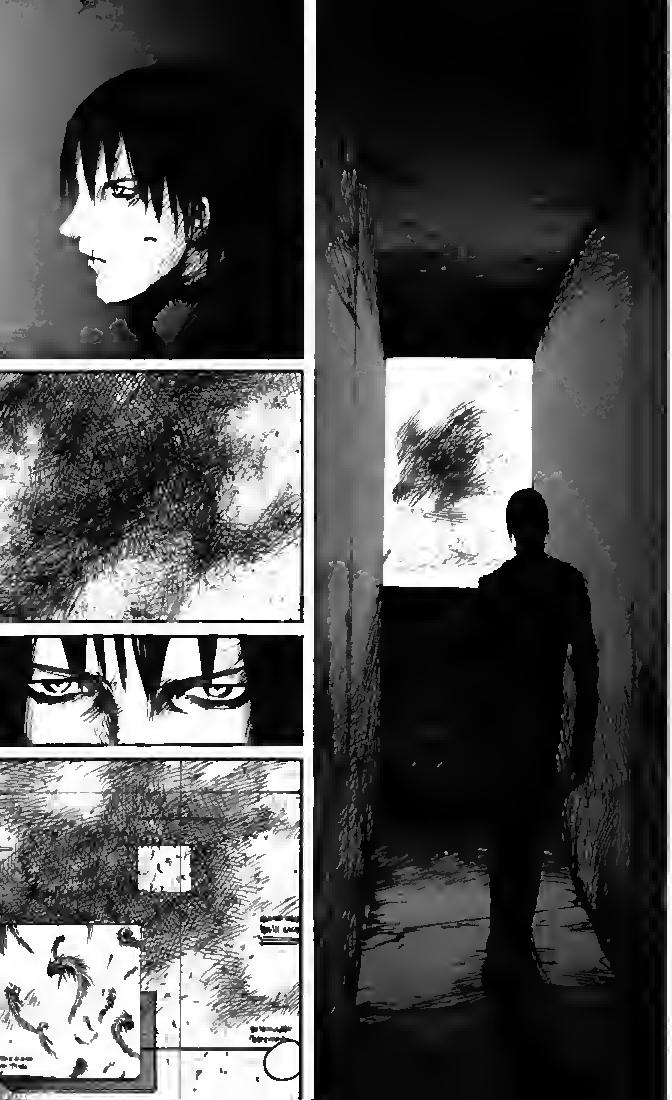

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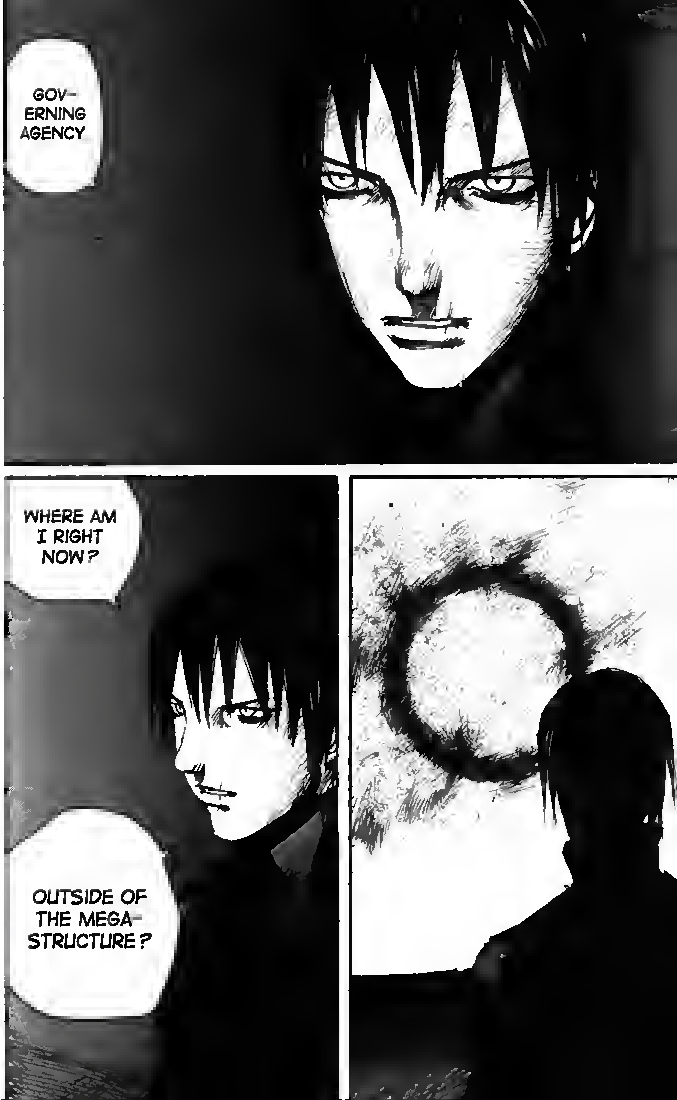
WHO ARE YOU ?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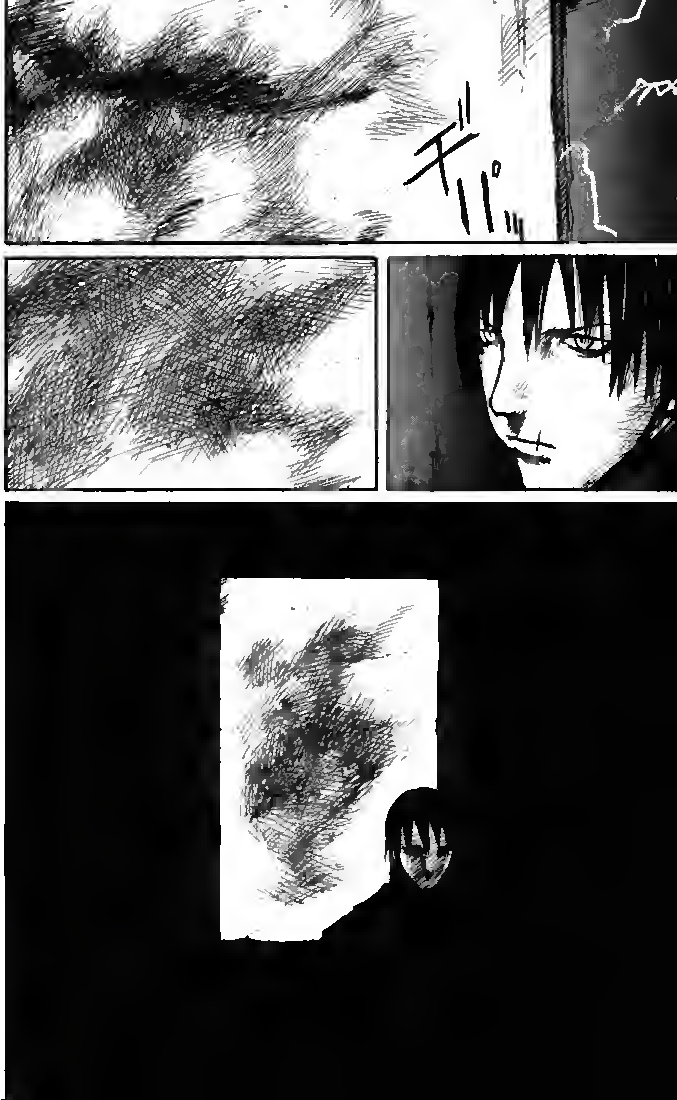
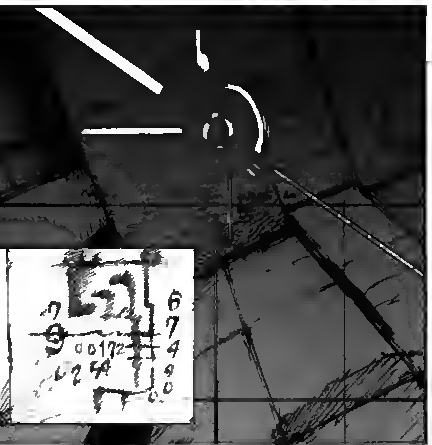
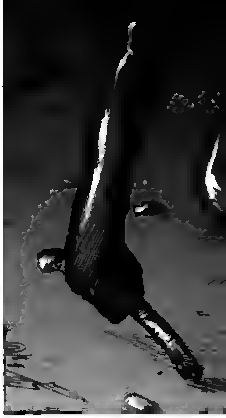
STRUCTURE?

WHAT'S THIS ?
SOME LOCA-TION ?







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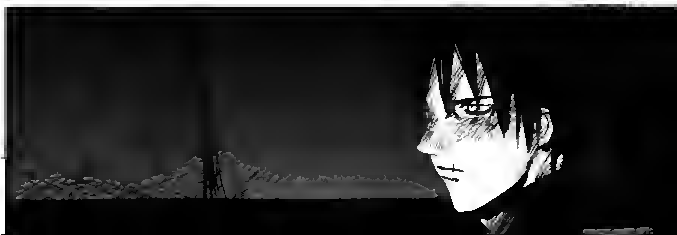

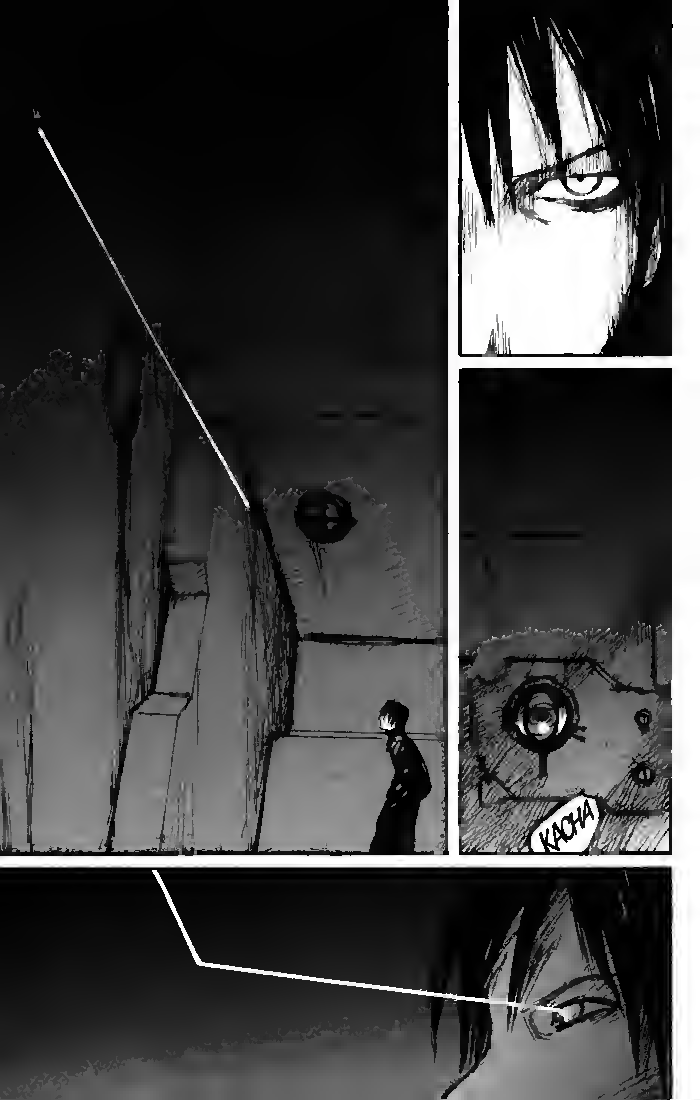
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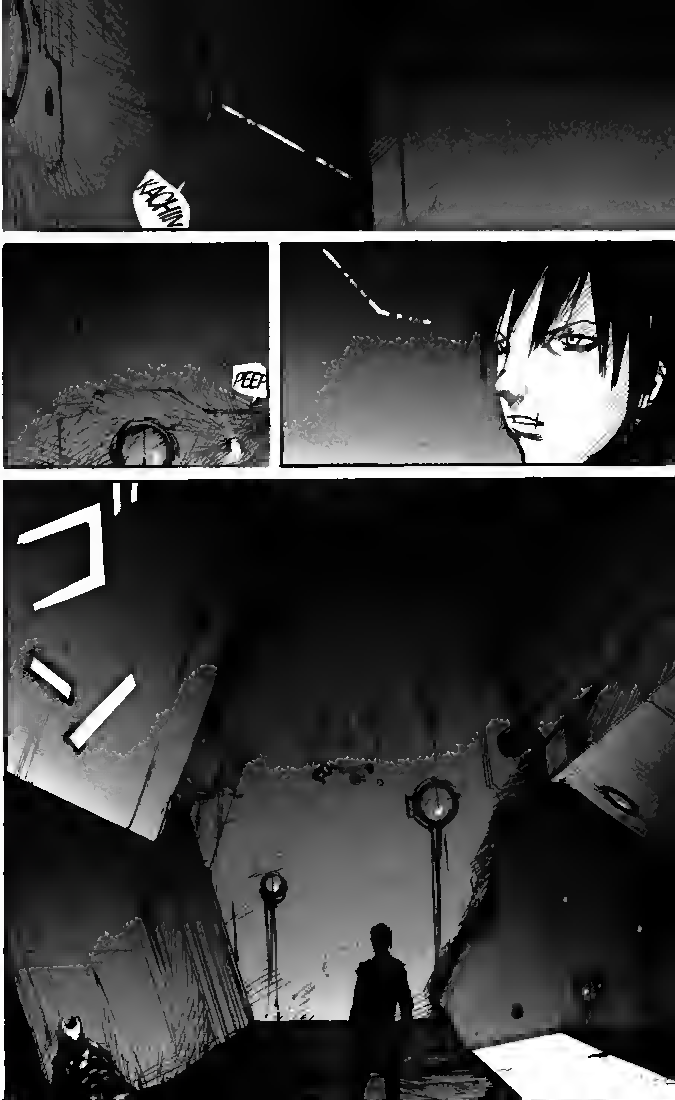
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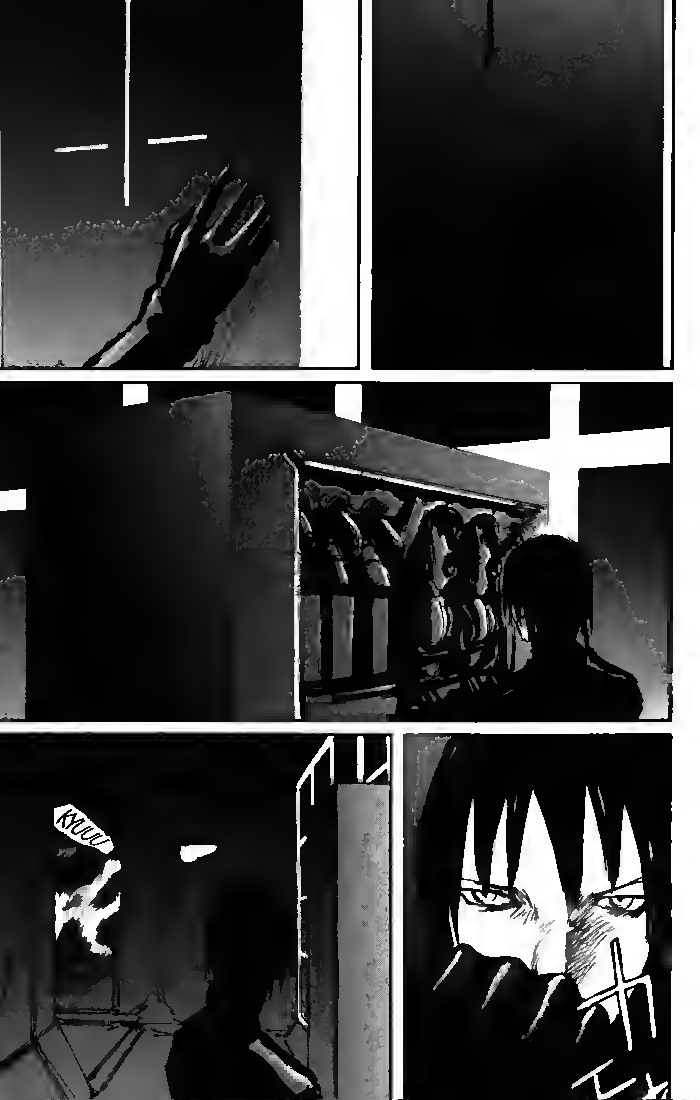
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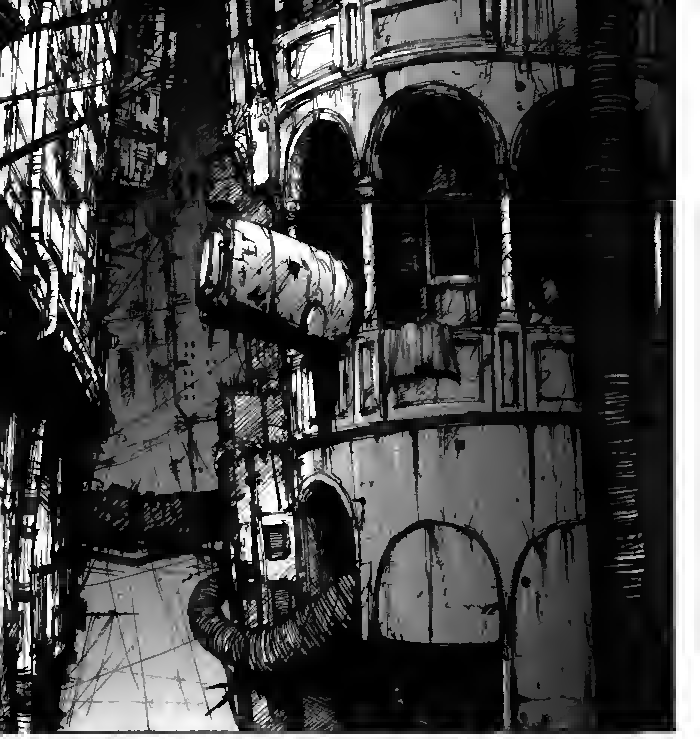

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Special Safeguards

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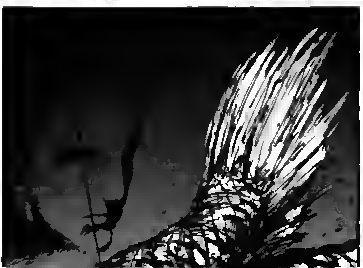
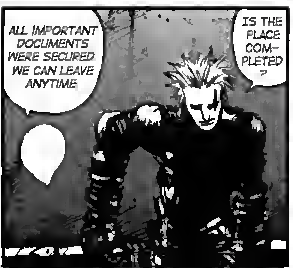
FLAP FLIP
HI I AM IKO ARE YOU FULLY AWAKE?
JUST SOME TIME AGO WE WERE DESIGNATED AS SPECIAL SAFE-GUARDS.
GON

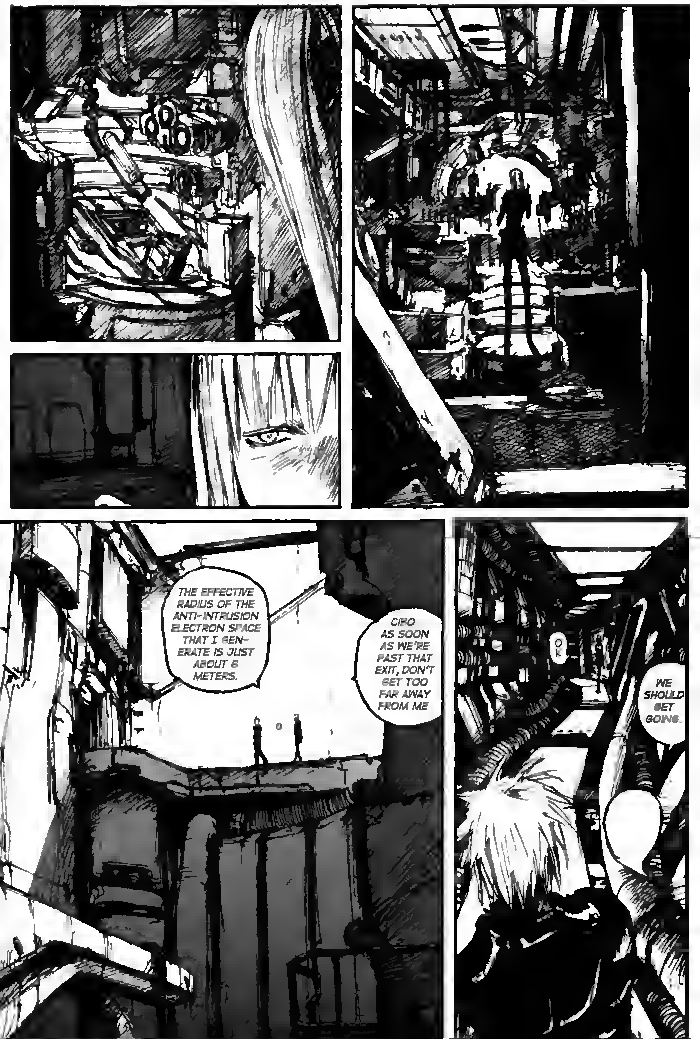
ABOUT 7 OR 8 HOURS AGO, SEVERAL SILICON CREATURES INVADED THIS PLACE
AS A RESULT, THIS LEVEL'S EMERGENCY SYSTEM WAS ACTIVATED AND WE WERE CREATED.
THERE WON'T BE ANY MORE RE-INFORCEMENTS BESIDE US SINCE THE SYSTEM WAS HALTED AGAIN BY THE SILICON CREATURES
IT SEEMS THEY HAVE SOME QUITE EXCELLENT MACHINE LANGUAGE EXPERTS AMONG THEM
FLIP
FLAP

DHOMO-CHEVSKY

ARE YOU READY ?
DHOMO-CHEVSKY




ALL IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS WERE SECURED WE CAN LEAVE ANYTIME
IS THE PLACE COM-PLETED ?


THE EFFECTIVE RADIUS OF THE ANTI-INTRUSION ELECTRON SPACE THAT I GENERATE IS JUST ABOUT 6 METERS.
GIRO AS SOON AS WE'RE PAST THAT EXIT, DON'T GET TOO FAR AWAY FROM ME
WE SHOULD GET GOING.

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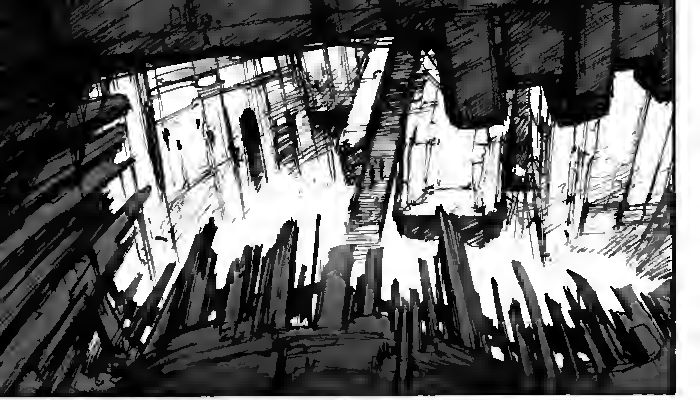
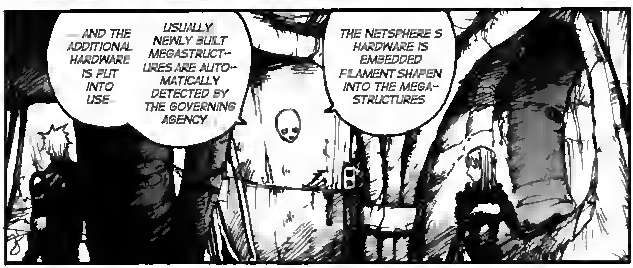


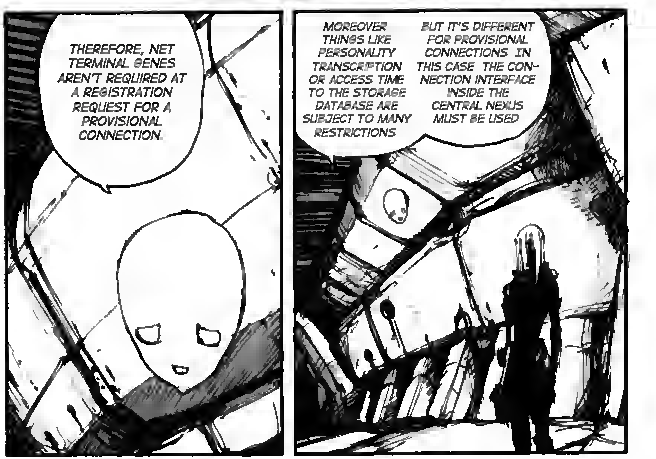
THIS IS AN UNOFFICIAL LEVEL AND THUS SOMEHOW SPECIAL
NO, THAT'S NOT THE CASE

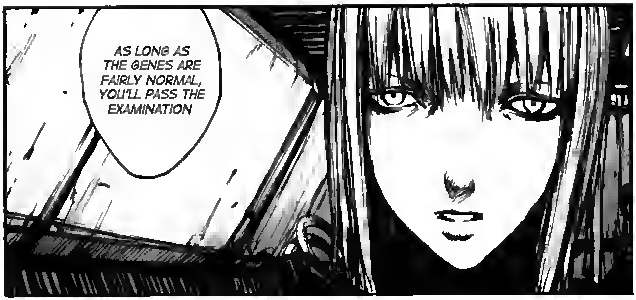
SO, IN OTHER WORDS, HE'S LOOKING FOR NET TERMINAL GENES ISN'T HE?
IKO YOU MENTIONED THAT DAVINEL COLLECTS HUMAN GENES

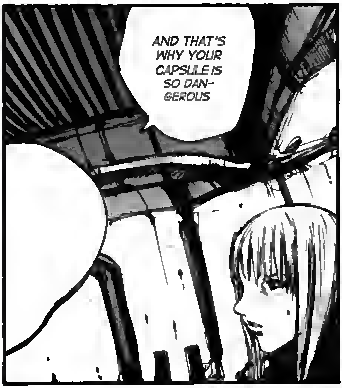

—AND THE ADDITIONAL HARDWARE IS PUT INTO USE
USUALLY NEWLY BUILT MEGASTRUCTURES ARE AUTOMATICALLY DETECTED BY THE GOVERNING AGENCY
THE NETSPHERE'S HARDWARE IS EMBEDDED FILAMENTS WOVEN INTO THE MEGASTRUCTURES

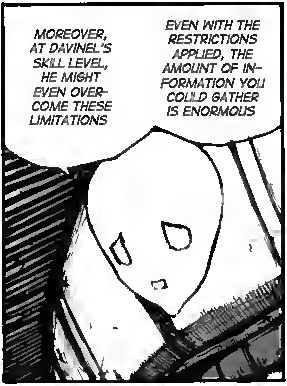
HOWEVER IF CERTAIN COMPLETTION MEASURES ARE TAKEN, A PROVISIONAL CONNECTION TO THE NETSPHERE IS PERMITTED
AFTERWARDS, REPAIRS CAN TAKE PLACE
THE CAUSE IS UNKNOWN, BUT THAT PROCEDURE DIDN'T TAKE PLACE FOR THIS LEVEL, SO THE HARDWARE REMAINED IN ITS INITIAL STATE

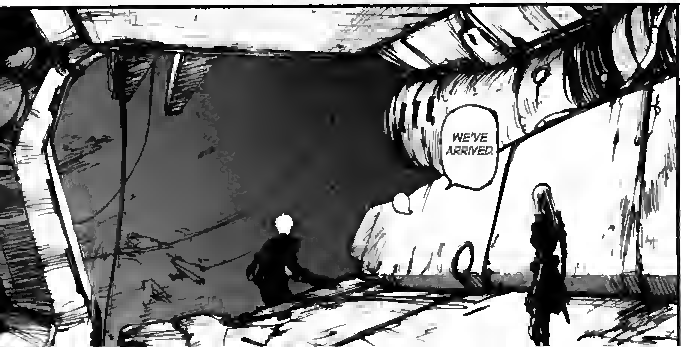
WELL, HUMANS WITH NET TERMINAL GENES CAN ESTABLISH A CONNECTION TO THE NETSPHERE COMPLETELY WITHOUT USING ANY MECHANICAL DEVICES.
PROVISIONAL CONNECTION?


THEREFORE, NET TERMINAL GENES AREN'T REQUIRED AT A REGISTRATION REQUEST FOR A PROVISIONAL CONNECTION.
MOREOVER THINGS LIKE PERSONALITY TRANSCRIPTION OR ACCESS TIME TO THE STORAGE DATABASE ARE SUBJECT TO MANY RESTRICTIONS
BUT IT'S DIFFERENT FOR PROVISIONAL CONNECTIONS. IN THIS CASE THE CONNECTION INTERFACE INSIDE THE CENTRAL NEXUS MUST BE USED


AS LONG AS THE GENES ARE FAIRLY NORMAL, YOU'LL PASS THE EXAMINATION


AND THAT'S WHY YOUR CAPSULE IS SO DANGEROUS


MOREOVER, AT DAVINEL'S SKILL LEVEL, HE MIGHT EVEN OVERCOME THESE LIMITATIONS
EVEN WITH THE RESTRICTIONS APPLIED, THE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION YOU COULD GATHER IS ENORMOUS


WE'VE ARRIVED

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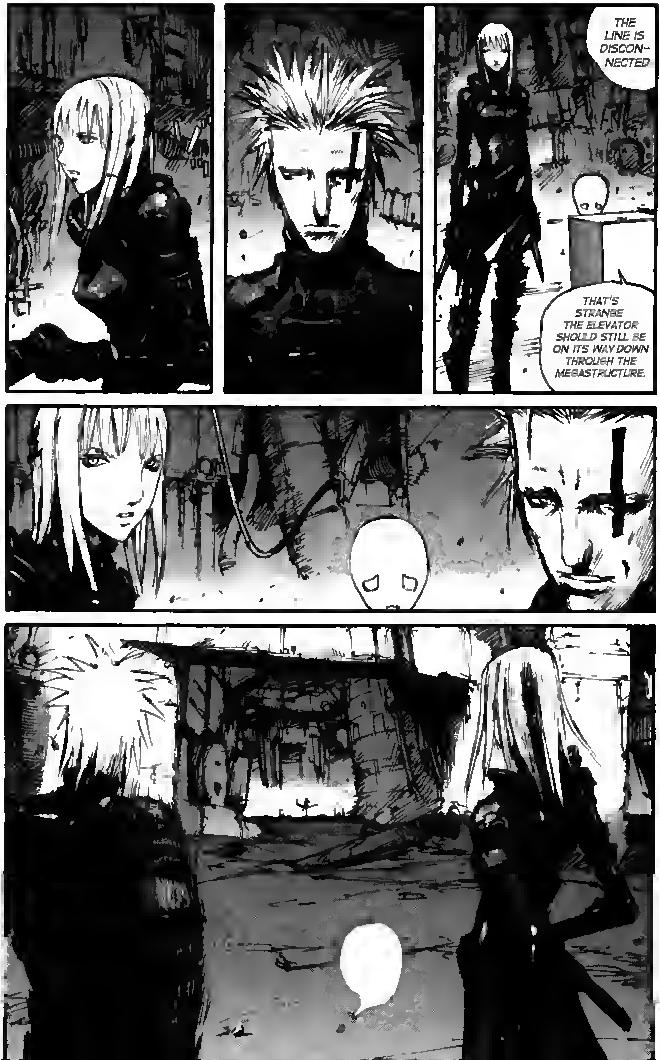
THE LINE IS DISCONNECTED
THAT'S STRANGE THE ELEVATOR SHOULD STILL BE ON ITS WAY DOWN THROUGH THE MEGASTRUCTURE.

IKO, OPEN THE LID

GET IN THERE !!
BLAM BLAM

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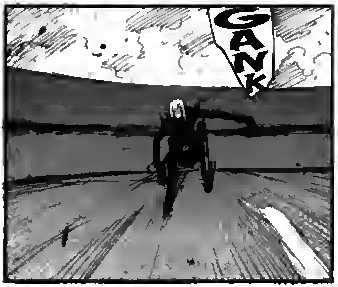
IT'S USELESS. SHE'S THE TOUGHEST OF THE LOT.

KATCHIK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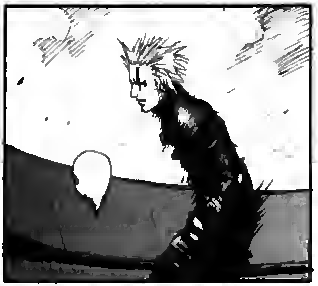

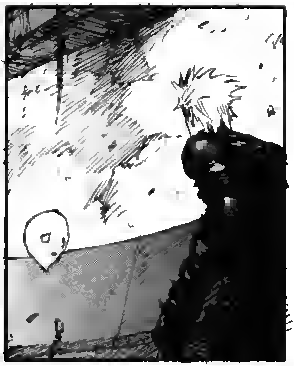

BRATATATATA
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BLAM
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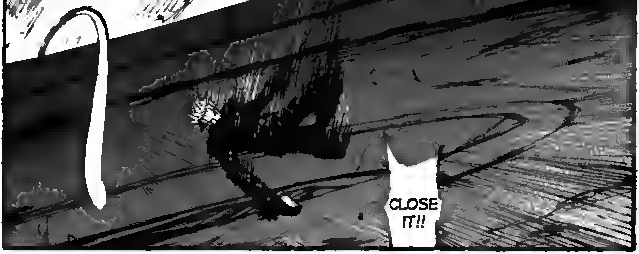
VOS

THUMP
BEEP
BEEEP
ZEET
ZEET
ZEE
ZOOM

BLAM BLAM BLAM
GET INTO THE ELE-VATOR SHAFT!!

GAZZZZ!
KYAAAA
HURRY CIEO, GET GOING!!
KRASH!
SLAM!


CLOSE IT!!

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